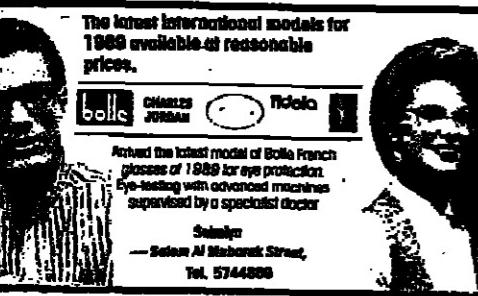


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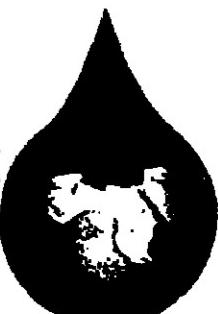


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## Lebanese must help themselves: Sheikh Sabah

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (Reuters): The head of an Arab League committee attempting to solve the Lebanon's constitutional crisis said today its success or failure depended on the Lebanese themselves.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, who arrived in Tunis from Kuwait today, said before his departure there could be no solution without the cooperation of all Lebanese factions. The committee is due to meet Lebanese leaders in Tunis on Monday.

The situation in Lebanon is complicated and it depends first, second and third on the Lebanese themselves and on the extent to which they respond to the efforts of their brothers in the Arab world," he told the Kuwait News Agency.

Lebanon has been without a president since September. Two governments, one Christian-led and the other dominated by Muslims, compete for power.

## Doubts

The committee has invited the acting Prime Minister of the Muslim-led government Selim Hoss, his Christian rival, Michel Aoun, and the Speaker of Parliament, Hussein Al Husseini, to the Tunis talks.

Aoun, the Christian leader,

has expressed doubts whether the committee can succeed without directly involving the main power broker in Lebanon, Syria.

"The committee's ability to succeed depends on elements

outside its will. The effective elements in success or failure are the Syrian force which is absent," Aoun told a Kuwaiti daily in remarks published today.

He said the committee should have invited Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara to join it.

Aoun said the presence of foreign troops in Lebanon was the main factor blocking new presidential elections. "There is no sense in presidential elections in the shadow of occupations."

The committee is composed of the foreign ministers of Kuwait, Jordan, Sudan, Algeria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

"We have assurances from the Lebanese parties that they would be here in due time to attend the meetings," Sheikh Sabah said in Tunis.

"We believe this initiative by the Arab League represents a major opportunity to begin restoring the unity of Lebanon's central government."

## US envoy in Beirut locked in his office

BEIRUT, Jan 28, (AP): The local staff of the US embassy in Beirut locked Ambassador John McCarthy in his office for three hours to press for higher salaries, an embassy source disclosed.

The source, who insisted on not being identified further, said the Lebanese staff, including guards armed with rifles, blocked all entrances to the compound in the Christian suburb of Ankar yesterday afternoon.

They prevented anyone from entering the ambassador's office. "The ambassador was there alone all the time," the source said.

He said the protest "lasted for about three hours after which the Lebanese employees decided to call off the move for a week to give the ambassador time to follow up their demands with Washington."

When asked what the contingent of US Marines stationed at the compound did during the protest, the source replied: "No comment."

## Uncertainty forced closure of embassy in Kabul: Bush

WASHINGTON, Jan 28. (Agencies): President Bush has said uncertainty about the Afghan situation prompted Washington to close its embassy in Kabul in the final phase of a Soviet troop withdrawal, a move four other nations said they would follow.

The Afghan government criticised the decision by the United States, France, Italy, Britain and Japan to shut their embassies over safety concerns and Tass said it as an attempt to undermine international confidence in the Soviet-backed government.

Italian diplomats in Kabul also said their government was considering to close the embassy and non-Western diplomats said the Soviet Union's Warsaw Pact allies would probably leave as soon as the Soviet troop withdrawal is completed.

In New Delhi, the Afghan

embassy said Austria also had decided to close its mission in Kabul.

Workers erected steel planks around the Iranian embassy in Kabul today, but there was no immediate word whether Tehran planned to close its diplomatic mission. West Germany was the first country to shut its mission last week.

## Seize

Bush said yesterday the United States, a guarantor of a multi-national peace agreement under which Soviet forces are to be completely withdrawn by Feb. 15, was simply acting to "protect a handful of American lives" in the face of uncertainty as the pullout deadline approaches.

"... I think there's a lot of uncertainty. And there's enough uncertainty that a secretary of state was taking prudent action

in this regard."

Many analysts think the Afghan government will collapse and the rebels will seize power after the Soviet forces leave.

Pressure has been increasing for the withdrawal of remaining diplomats mainly because of fears the Afghan Army would be unable to stop the mujahedeen guerrillas from shutting Kabul airport after the Russians quit.

The only land route still open is the Salang highway towards the Soviet border, passing through mountains held by guerrillas.

Soviet forces have unleashed a heavy bombardment against Afghan rebels blocking the Salang highway, now open, a senior guerrilla leader said today in Islamabad.

Burhanuddin Rabbani said the air and artillery attacks were

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## IDA wins two seats in Lahore by-elections

ISLAMABAD, Jan 28, (Agencies): Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party lost an important seat in the Punjab capital of Lahore to the rival Islamic Democratic Alliance in today's by-elections.

The PPP lost the National Assembly seat vacated by Benazir to IDA's Mian Umar Hayat, according to the official election results.

The IDA also successfully defended the National Assembly seat given up by Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif, while the PPP won two Punjab Provincial Assembly seats in Lahore.

In Karachi, Mohajir Qaumi Movement candidate Rafiq Easani easily won the seat vacated by the Karachi Mayor Dr Farooq Sattar.

Elections were held in 20 constituencies for 13 National Assembly and seven provincial assembly seats.

The results from the remaining seats are still being tallied.

The Election Commission said today that one of the vacant seats in the National Assembly had been won by a PPP member who ran unopposed.

The voting was taking place in constituencies where candidates in last November's general elections won more than one seat, or the vote was postponed because a candidate died.

The outcome of the election cannot dent Benazir's position as head of the federal government because she commands a sizeable

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## No peace so long Arafat is alive, says Sharon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 28, (Reuter): Hawkish Israeli Trade Minister Ariel Sharon said today there would be no peace in the Middle East as long as PLO leader Yasser Arafat was alive.

Sharon, a former defence minister who masterminded Israel's costly 1982 invasion of Lebanon, criticised Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for failing to crush

the Palestinian uprising and suggested Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin resign.

"We have to remember that as long as Arafat is alive, there will never be peace. No Arab leader will be ready to sit with us out of fear for his life and no Palestinian factor will be ready to talk because of the fact that as long as Arafat is alive his fate is determined," Sharon said.

## Amir's message for Khaddafi

TRIPOLI, Jan 28, (KUNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait has sent a message to Libyan leader Col Muammar Khaddafi saying that any aggression on an Arab country is considered a threat to the Arab nation as a whole and should be confronted unitedly, the official Libyan news agency JANA reported today.

The agency said the Amir's message was in response to a cable Khaddafi sent earlier expressing thanks for Kuwait's stand on US threats against Libya.

The US has accused Libya of building a chemical weapons factory and threatened to destroy the plant.

Kuwait has deplored the American threat.

## Government employees to get housing allowance

GOVERNMENT employees, whether Kuwaitis or expatriates, will no longer be provided with residential accommodation. Instead, starting from May, the employees will receive housing allowances, a Kuwaiti daily has reported.

The decision, taken by the Civil Service Council, will enable the government to save millions of dinars now being paid to landlords as rent for unallocated buildings and spent for furniture and maintenance.

An ad-hoc committee, consisting of members of the council and Ministry of Finance, will be formed to prepare a list of employees having government residence.

The committee will take measures to cancel the contracts of hundreds of buildings rented by the government.

## Women are objects of pleasure in the West

NICOSIA, Jan 28, (AP): Iranian President Ali Khamenei deplored the plight of women in Western society today and said their real rights are safeguarded only by Islam, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said.

The agency quoted him as saying that women in the West have been reduced to "mere objects of pleasure."

The Iranian President was speaking at the opening of a seminar on women held to mark the anniversary of the birth of Fatima, daughter of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

Khamenei criticised the Western "culture of permissiveness and nudity which gives man a free rein to exploit and insult woman's personality," IRNA said.

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Arafat met for two hours with the three foreign ministers of Spain, France and Greece, who form the EEC's peace commission, yesterday morning.

The talks were viewed as an important step in the PLO's efforts to gain international recognition as the legitimate negotiating partner in peace talks on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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## Reagan to charge \$50,000 for each speech

LOS ANGELES, Jan 28, (UPI): Ronald Reagan will charge \$50,000 for each speech he delivers as a private citizen, making him the highest-paid speaker in the country, it was reported today.

Sources familiar with proposed booking arrangements on what the former president has called "the mashed-potato circuit" told the Los Angeles Times that Nancy Reagan will charge \$30,000 per speech.

No one, with the exception of some Hollywood entertainers, can command such high fees. Two of the highest-paid speakers, Paul Harvey and Walter Cronkite, charge about \$35,000 each. Bob Hope charged \$60,000 for one appearance last year, the Times said.

Despite the price, more than 25 corporations, associations and conventions have already inquired about booking Reagan, said Bernie Swain, a partner in the Washington Speakers Bureau Inc., which has an exclusive agreement to represent both the former president and his wife.

"They've both said they'll be doing speeches," Mark Weinberg, director of public affairs for Reagan's Century City office, told the Times. "They don't believe in retirement and they will be active in every respect of the word."

### Issues

Reagan has said that he plans to speak out as former president on such favorite issues as the need for a balanced budget and his opposition to the 22nd amendment, which limits presidents to two terms in office.

So far, Reagan has announced only one speech he plans to deliver — for free — at the University of Southern California Feb. 6, his 78th birthday, which will deal with his plans for the future.

Frank Santos, the Los Angeles convention and visitors bureau director of sales, said he was contacted by the Washington Speaker's Bureau about booking Reagan for \$50,000, and added, "I told them many groups would like to have him, but, well, that's an awful lot of money."

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## Bush vows to take offensive in forging better ties with Moscow

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (Agencies): President Bush, reflecting on what he called a good, easy first week, says he plans to take the offensive in forging a better relationship with Moscow and foresees battles over his budget proposals.

Defending himself against suggestions he is "foot-dragging" in response to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's pledge to cut his country's troop levels, Bush told a news conference yesterday that "we're going to be out front."

"There's no reason to suggest that all we have to do is react to a speech by the general secretary. I want to take the offence in moving this relationship forward," he said in a 42-minute question and answer session with reporters.

### Consult

Bush has so far put off Gorbachev's bid for a superpower summit, saying he first needs to complete an internal review of US foreign policy and consult with America's NATO allies. In the news conference, notable for its length and the breezy fashion in which the new President fielded questions, Bush said he was determined he would not be rushed into a rash initiative.

"Prudence is the order of the day," he said. "It does take a little time. I've only been here less than a week."

Bush also said that Secretary of State James Baker would advance "bold, new initiatives" in foreign policy.

"I have great confidence in

him," said Bush, adding that Baker would be "my principal foreign policy adviser."

"Nowhere is the need for new engagement greater than in foreign policy," he said. "The world demands new strategies and new solutions."

"Today we see a process of change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, in the Middle East," Bush said.

Bush, who devoted his first week in office primarily to symbolic gestures destined to put his own stamp on the White House, conceded he will have to shift gears soon and back up his words with action.

### Dominated

"If we just sat around and did nothing except be pleasant to people on the Hill or something, why I expect that would grow a little old for you all," he said in reference to his bid for bipartisan co-operation with a Congress dominated by the Democrats.

He said he already sees that the political honeymoon traditionally extended new presidents may end once he presents his budget proposals to Congress on Feb. 9.

### Memoirs

"It's been a good, easy week. And I expect it will change dramatically in the days ahead," Bush said.

Bush also said that he sees nothing wrong with Reagan receiving large sums of money for his memoirs.

"I don't think it's ever been challenged as inappropriate," Bush said.



Secretary of State James Baker (left) shakes hands with President Bush at the White House. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pakistan close to building N-bomb

WASHINGTON, Jan 28, (UPI): The outgoing Reagan administration told Congress that the United States is unlikely to be able to certify this year that Pakistan does not possess nuclear weapons, the Washington Post reported today.

The Post quoted congressional and administration sources as saying that without such certification required annually by law, Pakistan will not be eligible to receive US economic and military aid beyond the current fiscal year.

The Reagan administration's budget for fiscal year 1990 includes a request for \$621 million in assistance to Pakistan, part of a \$4.02 billion, six-year package.

Congressional sources said Reagan administration officials told lawmakers privately that

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majority in the National Assembly, bolstered by support from smaller groups and independent lawmakers.

### Jatoi

But the elections are the first test of her electoral popularity

Pakistan was so close to building a bomb that "it had been a very close call" in renewing the certification last November, the Post said.

The Reagan administration decided that they would not be able to issue certification this year, the Post said, quoting one source as saying, "It's going to be a mess."

It was not known if the Bush administration would accept its predecessor's conclusion from Pakistan's nuclear capabilities, the Post said.

Congress has been reluctant to cut off aid to Pakistan because of its key role as a conduit for US aid to anti-communist rebels fighting Soviet forces in nearby Afghanistan. A Soviet pullout of Afghanistan, currently under way, may lessen the importance of aid to Pakistan, the Post said.

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The leading opposition candidate in today's elections was Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, chairman of the nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance.

## Iraq calls for pressure on Iran

BAGHDAD, Jan 28, (Reuters): Iraq called for pressure on Iran to implement a UN resolution to end the Gulf war as a UN mediator began talks in Baghdad to revive stalled peace talks.

"Time has come for the world community to force Iran to implement (UN) Resolution 598 in full, to help achieve a just, comprehensive and honourable peace in the Gulf region," the ruling Baath Party newspaper Al-Sha'ab said in an editorial.

UN envoy Jan Eliasson today discussed strengthening the ceasefire and implementing the UN peace plan with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

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News, its Irish nationalist weekly.

The surprisingly frank interview coincided with the opening in Dublin yesterday of the annual conference of Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army which is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Many civilians died in operations which dented the confidence of some of our supporters," an IRA spokesman said in an interview with Republican

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## Talks with government will decide future of Solidarity: Walesa

WARSAW, Jan 28, (AP): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said today that the future of the banned union will be decided at planned talks between the opposition and the government on political and economic reforms.

Solidarity leaders and top government officials agreed yesterday to hold the first session of the long-awaited talks on Feb. 6, and Walesa appeared in an energetic, optimistic mood at a news conference today.

"The problems are terribly difficult, but there is no great controversy which would eliminate the possibility of meeting," he said.

### Struggle

"Solidarity as such will be decided upon in detail at the (negotiations) table. We were supposed to struggle for such a possibility and that's what we did," Walesa said at the news conference in Warsaw.

The negotiations, dubbed "round-table" talks, appear to be part of a government effort to bring the opposition into the battle to reverse the economic decline that has left Poland with chronic shortages, a daunting foreign debt and a dispirited public.

Walesa, the country's main opposition leader, said the talks, first proposed by the government during a wave of strikes last August, should be kept as short as possible because the country's problems are urgent.

"Lech Walesa is really scared. The situation in the country is very difficult. I have said many times before that every Pole has reason to go on strike, to protest," the union leader said.

"But every Pole, including us,

must know the question how to get out of it. We, as activists, must seek solutions which would allow us to get out of this situation," he added.

Walesa was accompanied at yesterday's negotiations by seven union activists and advisers, and three representatives of the church.

Interior Minister Gen Czeslaw Kiszczak, and Politburo member Stanislaw Ciosek were among the government representatives, the official news agency PAP said.

**Cold snap hits Alaska**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan 28, (AP): With record temperatures dipping to 75 degrees (48° Celsius) below zero and Alaska's cold snap showing no sign of breaking, the governor activated the state's emergency services agency.

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Solidarity refused to agree to the negotiations until Polish authorities made a political decision clearing the way for the banned union to be legalised.

In a dramatic policy reversal last week, the Communist Party's central committee voted to allow more than one legal trade union to exist and to permit members of the opposition to participate in government bodies.

The Solidarity leadership agreed Jan 22 to hold negotiations with the government on legalising the union.

Walesa said he now believes Poland is entering a new internal political situation.

Solidarity adviser Tadeusz Mazowiecki said that yesterday's negotiations had been difficult, but that all procedural obstacles to the new negotiations with government officials had been eliminated.

Mazowiecki said that formal legalisation of Solidarity was the most important problem of the union.

"We are looking for solutions, how to do it so that it can be done as soon as possible," Mazowiecki said.

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**Schoolgirl returns**

NICOSIA, Jan 28, (Reuters): A Greek-Cypriot schoolgirl whose marriage to a Turk in north Cyprus sparked a propaganda war has returned to her parents in the south, the United Nations said today.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Four killed in Bangladesh polls

DHAKA, Jan 28, (Reuters): At least four people were killed and more than 200 injured when rival groups fought with guns, bombs and swords during municipal elections in Bangladesh today, police and witnesses said.

Authorities said they had stopped voting in 75 centres because of the trouble.

### Hospital fire

LEEDS, England, Jan 28, (AP): One patient died following a fire at a hospital in Leeds in northern England early today and police said they believe an arsonist was responsible.

Staff at the city's 1,500-bed St. James' hospital evacuated about 40 patients from four wards as choking, acrid smoke swirled through one of the hospital blocks.

The 71-year-old victim is believed to have died from inhaling smoke. Five of the 40 firemen battling the blaze required medical treatment after inhaling smoke.

### Bomb blast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Jan 28, (AP): One policeman was killed and another was badly hurt in a bomb attack early today in a village in the western part of Northern Ireland, police said.

A third policeman also was slightly injured when about 200 people spilling out of a nearby discotheque pealed him with bottles as he went to the aid of his colleagues after the bombing in Sion Mills, near the border, in Belfast said.

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"the heaviest ever seen" in the nine-year war and had caused many casualties, mostly among civilians recently returned from refugee camps in neighbouring Pakistan.

As the latest round of foreign diplomats was announced, military sources said Kabul was hit by a salvo of eight rebel rockets, the first rocket attack on the city in several days.

At the United Nations a spokesman said Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was considering a visit to Kabul at the invitation of President Najibullah.

The UN spokesman also said a decision had been taken to use ground convoys rather than airlifts to move relief supplies into Afghan regions controlled by the mujahideen rebels.

He said UN officials would negotiate with the Soviet authorities about stocks and storage facilities in the north and that it was agreed that UN staff, which number only two in Kabul, should be strengthened.

In Kabul many residents have bought stocks of food against the uncertain future and two weeks ago supplies ran low of flour for the staple "man



## Kuwait Computer Conference to be held March 27

THE Higher Organising Committee for the first Kuwait Computer Conference will hold its meeting tomorrow to endorse the agenda of the conference scheduled to take place in Kuwait March 27 to 29, a local daily reported.

It added that the conference will be sponsored by Kuwait Computer Society, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS), Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and Kuwait University.

It added that about 80 research papers had been submitted so far, but the conference's co-ordination committee had selected only 20 to be discussed at the conference.

It added that the conference aims at the exchange of expertise among Arab computer specialists, and will concentrate on two issues: Arabisation of the computer and the computer's role in the educational process.

## Tissue culture to develop plants and trees

JASEM HABIB, the director of Plant Resources Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources said that successful attempts at plant tissue culture is a remarkable scientific achievement, particularly in the field of developing long-life and high-cost plants.

The agro-production committee is currently conducting experiments using the new plant tissue culture technique to grow improved types of palm trees and ornamental plants in large quantities exhibiting original qualities, the official said.

The combination of the new technique with genetic engineering would result in a scientific technique which enhances development and growth of new types of plants and trees with long life and better ability to resist arid and problematic climatic conditions, Habib said.

## Security caution

COL. Abdul Aziz Al Shamlan, the director of security at Hawalli Governorate has cautioned both citizens and expatriates against leaving their houses and cars open. Such negligence attracts and encourages juveniles and criminals to steal. He added that the establishment of the fifth governorate in Farwaniya reduces the pressure on Hawalli Governorate which has the highest density of population.

## Re-orientation a must for Kuwait's doctors, says medical official

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT'S medical doctors should undergo a re-orientation course to enable them to keep abreast with international developments into the control and treatment of diseases, according to a senior Kuwaiti medical official.

Delivering the keynote address at a three-day seminar on new discoveries of pelvic cancer, Dr Abdulla Al Rifae, the secretary-general of Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialities said that diseases are international, but their manifestation differs from one society to another and from one country to another.

Kuwait has witnessed a change in the pattern of mortalities and morbidities and these are related to infections and diseases related to the environment. Topping the list of mortalities in Kuwait are heart diseases and

malignancies. Cancer is also the second leading cause of death in Kuwait, after heart diseases. Cancer of the womb and ovaries is common among females in Kuwait (Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis), he added.

### Treatment

Dr Hendry of London, UK, delivered a speech on invasive bladder cancer and discussed ways to treat cancer through surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy. He used slides to highlight various topics.

During the three-day seminar, various topics will be discussed such as new approaches for the treatment of low rectal tumours, pre-operative imaging in cases of pelvic tumour and surgical aspects of ovarian cancer in Kuwait.

Specialists from France, Britain and eminent doctors and medical experts from Kuwait attended the seminar which is to continue till Jan 30.

## Speedy measures requested to prevent hike in rents

A LARGE section of tenants have asked for speedy measures to prevent landlords and real estate owners from increasing rents.

Rents of flats and apartments have witnessed a big jump during the past decade. The majority of rents have doubled or increased by 40 per cent from their original value.

Residents complained of the constant rise in rents despite a decline in Kuwait's economic conditions. People are totally dependent on their salaries now-a-days, and rents should be decreased to match living standards.

### Compete

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Luxurious and bigger flats have high rents and only those with high incomes are able to rent them.

On the other hand, lower income employees and labourers can only rent flats in buildings old enough to be renovated or just demolished.

Some residents claim that they pay almost a third of their salaries to rent a one bedroom apartment. High rents have made many expatriates flee the country after living for a long time.

They expressed that living with such high rents affects the security of the country and might force people to resort to other ways to make ends meet.

A large section of residents have lived in their flats for as long as 15 years or more, they said that they were never able to contact their landlords, some even don't have any idea whether he receives the rent or not.

Landlords send their security guards (Hans) or their representatives to collect rents at the beginning of each month, any delays in payment will prompt an evacuation and the matter will be referred to a police station.

A resident said that the company he works at sometimes doesn't pay salaries on time, and salaries are sometimes delayed by a month. He said that a landlord should show some mercy at least for those who have been paying rents for as long as 10 years. He suggested that Kuwait should allow expatriates to purchase their own flats. He added, "we pay for all maintenance so we might as well own the apartment."

He complained of the negligence of landlords in answering tenants calls for repairs.

A large section of tenants have demanded government intervention for the protection of tenants and to permit them to own their flats.

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## Jaber meets ILO official

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (KUNA): Kuwait's Information Minister and Acting Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah met here today with the Deputy Director General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Ghaleb Barakat, who is currently visiting Kuwait.

The meeting, attended by the Undersecretary of the Social Affairs Ministry Eissa Yassin, dealt with the co-operation between Kuwait and the organisation in the field of labour relations.

## Three years for forgery

A MAN Mohammed M.A. was sentenced to three years in jail to be followed by deportation by Kuwait's Criminal Court, a local daily reported.

The defendant who was working as an accountant in an embassy has been convicted of forging an official document.

The court heard that the defendant had illegally endorsed a cheque in his favour which was supposed to be issued to the order of a man identified as Habib G.



HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah received at his office in Bayan Palace the General Commander of the US Central Command, General Norman Schwarzkopf and the accompanying delegation. The audience was attended by Kuwait's Chief of Staff Major General Mezyed Al Sanea and the US ambassador here W. Nathaniel Howell.

General Schwarzkopf was also received by Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and Minister of Defence Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmed at their offices.

## Kuwait keen to combat drugs: Khorafi

KUWAIT, Jan 28, (KUNA):

Finance Minister Jassim Mohammed Al Khorafi asserted today the government's determination to combat drugs and traffickers through modern methods.

The minister told a group of customs inspectors who seized large quantities of the poison pills that there should be close cooperation at the highest level in the government's anti-drug campaign.

He said stiff laws against drug trafficking is the key to weeding out the drug abuse problem in Kuwait.

Schwarzkopf is on a familiarisation tour of the Middle East after being appointed late last year to succeed retiring General

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"My meeting with you is in appreciation of the role you played in busting the attempt to smuggle the large quantity of poison pills on your own and without a prior tip," the minister told the inspectors.

## AIDS conference

ABU DHABI, Jan 28, (Reuter):

Arab health ministers will meet in Libya in March to discuss ways of fighting AIDS, the United Arab Emirates news agency WAM said today.

It said among the topics at the March 18-19 meeting would be ways of making blood transfusions safer. Transfusions of contaminated blood are one of the ways the killer disease is spread.

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## EVENTS

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## GOING PLACES

## They forgot to remember to forget

"I FORGOT to remember to forget." Does this line ring a bell? A song, recorded by Elvis in the 1950s, was written by Stan Kessler, the man who stayed behind-the-scenes for decades before deciding it was time to come out of the shadow of big names in music.

But the time has not yet come to "forget" the rhythm of the 1950s.

"We don't want to forget the feel of 50's music," said Stan. They won't let listeners neglect it either.

In 1986, Stan and five others — Sonny Burgess, Smoochy Smith, D.J. Fontana, Marcus van Story and Paul Burlison — formed the Sun Rhythm Section, which visited Kuwait last week for a concert.

"We play what we feel, we create happy sounds; music that makes them (audience) rock with us," he said. They play rockabilly music, which they pioneered in the 1950s.

The musicians, wearing broad grins on their ruddy faces, are in their twilight years but their music has not mellowed with the years.

Critics still rave about the "raw energy and unique feel" of rockabilly music. So do the audiences.

The Sun Rhythm group was formed by accident. In 1986, they performed at the Smithsonian Institute's Folk Life Festival. The response was tremendous. "People crowded our tent; they came from all over the grounds and were very excited," recalls Stan. Requests to play at clubs and other concerts started pouring in and they were rocking and rolling all over the United States, belting out numbers that kept toes tapping and hands clapping.

"We play authentic rockabilly music of the '50s," they said. Rockabilly is a blend of rhythm, blues and country music that took America by storm.

"Our music is spontaneous; we don't have the so-called arrangements. We enjoy making music as much as listening to it," said Fontana.

The Sun Rhythm members,



The Sun Rhythm Section: (clockwise) Stan Kessler, Sonny Burgess, Paul Burlison, Marcus

were at one time or another, members of the Sun Recording Company, the pioneers of the sound that made Elvis a cult-figure throughout the world. The group's members can't forget.

"He (Elvis) was a very shy man, a very nice person," they say adoringly.

"If I didn't feel like you want to tap your feet with the music, it was not good music for Elvis," said D.J. Fontana, a drummer with the singer for 14 years.

Fontana sports the Elvis hairstyle and looks every inch a musician of the 50s.

Clean cut, clean shaven and tidy, Fontana has never ceased "hitting the road," first with Elvis and later with Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash and others. He also acted in five Elvis movies — a period Fontana describes as "wasting time." Today, he takes time off to attend various conventions organised by the Elvis fan clubs throughout Europe and America and counters rumours about Elvis — the recent being that the rock star is alive.

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"They (fans) want to believe he still lives; they actually believe it," said Fontana.

Fontana says he is "given a test of knowledge about Elvis" during the fan club meetings. "They (fans) know everything about him (Elvis) but they ask the questions anyway, just to find out if I really knew him."

A wrinkle appears under his eyes as he says smilingly: "The years with Elvis were the best years of my life."

Those years were also the most hectic ones for Fontana. "They were times when he wanted to get away from Elvis and the circle of people around him," he said.

"He (Elvis) never tried to push us aside and always made it a point to introduce his band. He was courteous and treated us good," recalls Fontana.

Such memories enrich the life of Fontana and the others of the Sun Rhythm Section. But they don't bask in the glory of other singers.

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Birds" and others were recorded by such artists as Rod Stewart, the Stray Cats and Fleetwood Mac.

"They didn't change the music; they recorded it pretty much the same way I did," Paul said, recalling the days when he was better known for his guitar work for "The Rock and Roll Trio" and Johnny Burnett.

Paul had a tough time "learning music" in the 1950s. "I learnt to play by the ear, it was much difficult then to become a musician than it is now," he said.

For Marcus van Story, the man who is known as the "king of the slap bass," it took more than a nudge from his mother to go on stage.

He was eight years old when he sang for the radio. Marcus recalls: "I was singing and froze halfway through the song when I realised thousands were listening to me. It took great courage to go on after my mother gave me a nudge."

Once he got going, Marcus never looked back as he graduated from gospel music to boogie-woogie and rock-

abilly. He plays the bass, harmonica, rhythm guitar and organ and is also a vocalist. With four decades of music behind him, Marcus is still going strong.

"It's more fun today than it was ever before. I enjoy making music; it's terrific," Marcus said.

The same goes for Sonny. "Red headed woman" and "We want to boogie" are now classic rockabilly records of lead guitarist and vocalist Sonny Burgess who lamented the absence of music schools during his time and admits today's "music has changed." Sonny, who was a leader of "The Pacers", a much sought after band in the 50s is boogying on with the Sun Rhythm.

"The musical atmosphere is still the same," Sonny said.

Smoochy Smith agrees, but says: "Today's music doesn't feel good; it's mechanical and sounds alike." Smoochy has come a long way from the days when he was with a comedy show. An original member of The Mar-keys band Smoochy played on their smash hit "Last Night" and "Charged" with music he created what is now known as the "Memphis pum-pin' piano" sound.

"It's great fun playing the piano," says Smoochy, twitching his nose and pulling a face as he looks at others to support his enthusiasm, which the group has in abundance.

The Sun Rhythm Section members may have diverse talents but they share a bond: their love for music — and an urge to go on "Playing for keeps", (a song written by Kester).

"The secret of our success is that we have the same enthusiasm we had 39 years ago; we are uninhibited when we play music — we enjoy our music, so does the audience," said Kester.

From Kuwait, the group went to Bangladesh and will visit Jordan and Tunisia on their current tour. And their music keeps them going.

(FA)

cinated by Gekic's interpretation of Liszt. "Liszt is a kind of composer who left room in his music for an interpreter. Had Liszt been able to hear Gekic play his music I am convinced he would have been satisfied," said Owerkowicz.

On Thursday, Gekic played Liszt's Funeralies and Mephisto-Valse in addition to Beethoven's Sonate Op 57 and Chopin's Andante Spianato E, Grande Polonoise Brillante Op 22, Ballade Op 38 and Ballade Op 23.

Quoting a Russian artist Owerkowicz said: "A great composition is like a big tree. Each interpreter can take just a small twig. The larger the talent the larger the branch." Judging by the response of audiences and music critics world-wide Gekic has managed to carve out a big chunk.

Last week Gekic visited the Higher Institute of Music where he may soon be invited to conduct a master course. He played for the students who responded instantly to his music and personality. More than 20 of them turned up at his concert at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Wednesday.

(JP)

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## In a class of his own



Gekic: talented

before pale into insignificance. He is characterised by individuality, technical skills and ability to build upon a piece of music rather than just perfectly reproduce the sound.

It is this special emotional quality and intellectual streak in his interpretation that sets him apart from other pianists. The Polish couple, Anna and Czary Owerkowicz, who are visiting professors at Kuwait's

HIGHER INSTITUTE OF MUSIC AND LEADING AUTHORITY ON PIANO MUSIC IN THE COUNTRY, SAID KUWAIT HAS NOT HEARD A PIANIST OF GEKIC'S STATURE IN THE THREE YEARS THEY HAVE SPENT IN THE COUNTRY.

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Indian girls dancing to the music of 'Ek do teen,' the most popular dance number.



A scene from the suspense play 'The Second Trap.'

## Dancer steals show at drama performance

FUNKAR Arts, a local cultural organisation, celebrated the Indian Republic Day on Friday with a dance-drama show at the Indian Arts Circle.

The lively programme included two one-act plays and a number of dances by students of local Indian schools. The first play, "The Second Trap," was interesting despite amateurish performances by most actors. Only Arif Kazi, who also directed both plays, seemed to have understood the character he was playing.

The second play, a comedy entitled "Bas Step" dragged on, mainly due to frequent power failure and the superfluous performances of the actors. The audience became impatient. The "blind beggar" and a child with Hyderabadi accent, however, managed to provoke a few laughs.

Among the dance numbers, the best item was a number, danced to the music of "Ek do teen" from the film "Tezaab." The lead dancer Valencia Sylvia performed vigorously and became a hit with the audience. The dance was so popular that it had to be repeated due to "great public demand."

Another dance, "Disco Dandia," a variation of the Gujarati Garba, was well-conceived by director Hansa Sagar. The number started well but seemed to go on and on.

The mimicry items presented by Saifullah Kardame and Moid Khaibar were tolerable despite the latter indulging in innuendoes.

The well-known Urdu poet Noor Parkar ably conducted the programme. A prize distribution ceremony and a lucky draw were also held.

Shamim Zaidi

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Dennis the Menace: a cartoon series for children
- 6.30 The Owl: a look at the horse and its qualities ... Its rider and the balance and harmony between them.
- 7.00 Scientific Eye: "Gravity." The concept of gravity... Mass and weight and the state of non-existence of gravity...
- 7.30 The Pursuit of Happiness. "Dave" lends his car to a colleague who returns after a while with certain parts thereof...
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Call Me Mister: "Jolly" witnesses a man while falling down from a high bridge. But the police couldn't find any trace of the man who appeared dead after few days on the beach.
- 9.30 Dive to Adventure: Exciting documentaries on underwater



A scene from What's Happening Now on KTV 2 at 10.00 pm.

small plane from London to Australia in order to register world records...

11.30 News in Brief

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Ghadir Gallery

UNTIL Feb 9: The Orient in their Eyes is the title of an exhibition by a group of Arab and European artists. The exhibition is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

## EDUCATION

## Darul Quran

REGISTRATION for the first semester at the Darul Quran, Urdu Section, Farwaniya, will be held from Jan 31.

Arabic language and Islamic studies will be taught. For details contact Principal, Darul Quran, behind Holiday Inn Hotel, Farwaniya. Tel: 4703355.

## EXHIBITIONS

## Children's Books

of the Year '88

FEB 4-16: An exhibition of British books for children, written by award winning writers and illustrators, will be held at the British Council, Mansouriya.

The programme is as follows:

FEB 4: Opening by Dr Rasha Al Sabah, Vice Rector for community Affairs, Kuwait University; Dr Elizabeth Al Kaoud will give a lecture on "From Tots to Teens. A Survey of British Literature for Children."

Daniella

FEB 3: Daniella celebrates "Fastelavn" at Gazelle Club from 1 pm. For reservations call Karen-Marie — 371546; Ingliste — 3713670.

## CINEMA TODAY

## Al Fahshee

Adholokam (Malayalam)

## Al Jahra

Lionman

## Granada

Count of Monte Cristo

## Selabikhat

Al Sharida (Arabic)

## Al Jeeb

Mission Terminates

## Ahmadi Drive-in

Space Ball

## PRAYERS

Fajr 5.18 am

Zahr 12.01

Asr 3.02 pm

Maghreb 5.22

Isha 6.42

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## Thought for today

DO what you feel in your heart to be right—for you'll be criticised anyway—Eleanor Roosevelt, US lecturer and writer (1884-1962).

## Czech Communist Party confused

By Patricia Koza

**PRAGUE**, (UPI): The overwhelming force used by Czechoslovak authorities during a week of protests reflects weakness and confusion in the highest ranks of the Communist Party.

Members of Charter 77 and other human rights groups knew they would hit a nerve when they commemorated the suicide 20 years ago of Jan Palach to protest the 1968 Soviet-led invasion that crushed the country's fragile "Prague Spring" liberalization under party leader Alexander Dubcek.

But even activists accustomed to one of the most repressive regimes in the East bloc were dismayed by the brute force used by police last week. Hundreds were detained and scores injured in attacks on peaceful protesters and onlookers in central Wenceslas Square.

Just in case anybody might have thought the government would back down after making its point, police Tuesday rounded up witnesses around the country to testify against the demonstrators.

**Trials**

New political trials would cause a deterioration in relations with Western countries. Czechoslovakia has one of the worst human rights records in the East bloc and has been barred from receiving new US credits until the record improves.

Prominent activist Jiri Dienstbier said the party leaders "have gone out of their minds."

The problem is more than 20 years old.

The aging party leadership that helped restore "order" a la the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, after Czech Communist Party leader Alexander Dubcek was ousted in 1968, is still in charge at a time when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is borrowing ideas from Dubcek's old portfolio. Little wonder they're feeling schizophrenic.

Despite their attempts to sound like reformers, the leaders are still stuck politically in the stone age of Stalinism.

Historically in communist societies, police forces gain influence in the power vacuum created under weak, vacillating

## Argentine guerrillas return with vengeance

By Alberto Arevalos

**BUENOS AIRES**, (Reuter): Argentine extreme left-wing guerrillas have again burst onto the stage in a country trying to put behind it a past of violence that peaked with the war by the armed forces against Marxist rebels in the 1970s.

About 25 dead, more than 40 wounded and wrecked military installations resulted from a fierce battle that began on Monday at an infantry camp in the outskirts of Buenos Aires.

Political leaders were caught unawares by the group of about 50 clearly well-trained young men and women bearing sophisticated weapons who resisted 400 heavily armed troops and police supported by artillery, tanks and armoured cars.

The government only began to hint that it was dealing with a left-wing rebel group after mid-day on Monday.

Politicians, government officials and members of the armed forces at the scene concurred that they were up against left-wing guerrillas, although no official statement to that effect has been issued.

**Criminals**

Congressman Cesar Jaroslavsky of the ruling Radical Party, a trusted adviser of President Raul Alfonsin, said: "The attack was perpetrated by criminals, of which there are indications they are extreme left-wing elements."

Buenos Aires province police chief inspector Walter Jurado said: "People are saying they're leftists, presumably belonging to the ERP."

The Trotskyist People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) was active in Argentina in the 1970s.

"At this moment, those arrested are incommunicado and at the disposal of the law," Jurado added.

Initially presidential spokesman Jose Ignacio Lopez said the insurgents were supporters of Colonel Mohamed Ali Seinfeldin who led a four-day Army mutiny in December.

## A man of realism and conciliation

# Bush sets the tone and aims of his presidency

**PRESIDENT** George Bush has presented himself as a man of realism not inspiration, conciliation not confrontation, restraint not hyperbole, noblesse oblige not vengefulness, modesty and a gentle sense of humour. He is not as laid-back as Ronald Reagan used to be, but he is comfortable with himself.

He does not exude Reagan's optimism or romantic flair, nor the reality, as exemplified by the Pilgrims, that everything in life is hard work. Nor has he Reagan's flamboyance or the daring of the unexpected.

He would not have launched as romantic and science-fiction style a proposal as the Strategic Defence Initiative—the idea of a protective umbrella in space against missiles or bombs. Colonel Khaddafi's headquarters in Libya or come close to accepting the idea of a nuclear-free-world that Mikhail Gorbachev presented to President Reagan at the Reykjavik summit meeting, designed to weaken the deterrent powers of the West. Moderation, predictability, realism, caution and continuity of policy will be the hallmarks of the Bush administration.

The regime is not getting any sympathy or support for its tactics from its less restricted neighbours, Poland and Hungary, where small rallies commemorating Palach's death were allowed.

Poland showed the Czechoslovak protests nightly on television, perhaps to tell its own disgruntled population: "Things may be bad here, but look what's happening elsewhere."

**Support** The Czechoslovak ambassador to Poland, Josef Havlin, met at his request with the Polish leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, presumably to seek support and complain about the coverage.

After Jan Fojtik, the Czechoslovak Communist Party propagandist chief, met his Hungarian counterpart Janusz Berecz in Bratislava last week, Berecz said there was a "difference of views" between the two countries about how to handle such protests.

The list of charges against the protesters is ludicrous, even by East bloc standards.

One Charter spokesman is expected to be criminally charged for laying a single flower at the spot under the statue of St Wenceslas where Palach set himself alight.

When police raided the house of a priest accused of fomenting the protests, they confiscated a typewriter, some tapes and 11 pencils.

Such are the absurdities in the homeland of Franz Kafka, the novelist whose nightmarish, surrealistic world finds reality here.

## Academic freedom stirs faintly in Afghanistan

By Maureen Johnson

**KABUL**, (AP): As the Soviet Army heads home, a faint wind of change is stirring at Kabul University, cradle of the Afghan intelligentsia whose Marxist revolution this impoverished Muslim country bloodily rejected.

Last fall, the science and agriculture faculties of the university voted to scrap courses in Marxist-style ideology, which had been compulsory for the 7,000 students since the 1978 revolution.

Hardline members of the governing pro-Soviet People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan still hold key academic positions at the university, which numbers President Najib and dozens of his political associates among graduates.

**Lecturers**

But for the first time since the revolution, deans who are not party members—five out of 13, according to the new engineering dean—were appointed last fall.

And the faculty of engineering, sponsored by the United States for 20 years before Soviet troops arrived in Afghanistan in 1979, is to reopen in March at the end of the current winter vacation.

The armed forces have never accepted they should be tried for defeating Marxist guerrillas and this factor sparked three Army revolts against the government of President Raul Alfonsin between April 1987 and last December.

Tense relations between the government and the armed forces, especially the Army, have been rooted in this factor.

Monday's events constitute a political triumph of a sort for the Army, shaken in recent years by internal rifts.

The revolts led by Lieutenant Colonel Aldo Rico and Seinfeldin not only brought to light the Army's objections to the rights trials, but also the deep scars and divisions in the 1982 Falklands war against Britain.

"Five years of divisions in the Army ended here. We will all be united to fight the terrorists," said the military source, who asked to remain anonymous.

The appearance of the guerrilla group also dealt a blow to the government's intelligence service, which not only did not foresee the operation but it also did not know how, when and where the attackers were trained.

Nunn, the powerful chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said last week that Gorbachev's rhetoric and actions will lead to more cuts of military budgets in Europe, stiffen resistance to the modernisation of weapons based in Europe and feed the opposition to paying the price for reinforcing the conventional forces to bolster the deterrent as arms control agreements reduce the power of the nuclear deterrent.

Senator Sam Nunn also pointed out that under those circumstances it will be much more difficult for the United States to keep the current number of troops in Europe. The need for defence budget cuts, reductions in the framework of arms control agreements and a restructuring of the forces will become the incentive for major troop withdrawals from Europe. It will shift a good deal of the responsibility for the defence of Europe to the Europeans.

However Bush is almost more concerned about keeping the NATO alliance strong than about improving the Soviet-American alliance. He will therefore take his time reviewing the alliance force structure and consult with the allies how best to proceed without weakening the security of the West.

**Vulnerable**

Senator Sam Nunn complains bitterly about "the neat total confusion of the last eight years" in the build-up of the American forces under Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger.

One of the most controversial decisions the new president will have to take is whether to put the Minuteman missiles on railroad cars to make them mobile and less vulnerable or switch to the one-warhead Midgetman, which would be costlier, but make the American deterrent more invulnerable.

As the technologies improve sitting missiles become increasingly vulnerable. The key to their survivability is mobility. Mystery and secrecy surrounded the Stealth bomber (B-2) for a long time, but, according to Nunn, doubts have now arisen whether this new weapon can effectively fulfil the mission it has been

## Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



designed for. He therefore recommends slowing down its production schedule—which would save a great deal of money too.

General Brent Scowcroft, the new presidential National Security adviser, holds grave reservations about the practicability of a Strategic Space defence (SDI). Senator Nunn, too, has his doubts. One can expect therefore that spending for SDI will be limited to

research and experimentation and that development will be curtailed. Scowcroft makes the point, and it is a very good one, that the Bush administration must, above all, decide on a strategic concept and then shape the defence programme accordingly. It will be one of his tasks to see that this is done. In this context, he also believes, the United States has to develop a concept for the kind of Europe it wants to see in the medium-range

By Robert Glass

**KINGSTON**, Jamaica (AP): While it is illegal for Jamaicans to travel from Hurricane Gert and its close relations with the United States, Prime Minister Edward Seaga faces an uphill task for an unprecedented third consecutive term.

Opinion polls for the past two years have shown the conservative Seaga trailing 13 points behind his long-standing socialist rival, former Prime Minister Michael Manley. Seaga's aides say the Caribbean nation's striking recovery from the century's worst storm has not yet improved his chances.

Ending months of speculation, Seaga told a nationally televised rally on Sunday night that general elections would be held on Feb. 9.

Addressing thousands of cheering supporters at Kingston's South Parade Traffic Quadrangle, Seaga railed against the policies of the 1970s Manley government.

The engineering faculty, the only one that taught in English before the revolution, plans to resume its English instruction.

But with educational standards plummeting through years of war and Soviet occupation, Nazafer faces a tough task.

He complained that Western countries, which cut ties with the university in 1978, now punish the wrong people.

"We feel isolated," he said.

"The Russians say they made a mistake coming here, so why should we take the blame?"

In August, Seaga and Manley signed a "peace treaty" and

## Seaga faces tough battle for third term

agreed on a code of conduct for orderly campaigning.

Manley's leftist People's National Party boycotted the 1983 elections in a dispute over voter registration, leaving the Jamaican Labour Party with all 60 seats in parliament.

Manley, a charismatic politician with a strong following among the young, has been calling for elections ever since.

Business leaders had urged a short campaign to minimize the risk of disruptions at the height of the tourist season. Seaga said the campaign was the shortest allowed under Jamaican law.

Seaga's standing in opinion polls improved slightly just after the hurricane. But respected pollster Carl Stone of the University of the West Indies said bickering over alleged inequities and delays in relief distribution offset any gains.

Visitor arrivals, which were down 42.7 per cent in November, hit 1 million by December and are now down just 1.6 per cent from last year, according to government figures.

On other fronts, electricity and water has been restored, roads have been cleared and thousands of houses and buildings have been rebuilt or repaired. Although work continues, Jamaica shows little sign of the devastation.

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die of one of the biggest disputes rising from a system Gorbachev regards as a centre-piece of reform.

Sakharov and thousands of others have been nominated at meetings of the Communist Party, trade unions, professional organisations and residents of geographical areas for seats in the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies.

The Congress was promoted by Gorbachev and approved by the current parliament, the Supreme Soviet, in early December.

Meeting annually, it will choose the Soviet president and the membership of a new, smaller and more active Supreme Soviet.

Promoting the new system, Gorbachev said in December that political reforms are essential for his overall programme.

"It is only by combining economic reform with political changes, democratisation and glasnost, that we can fulfil both the immediate and long-term tasks

we have set ourselves," he said.

Stronger local and national legislatures are essential, Gorbachev said.

The Central Council of Trade Unions failed to endorse reformist economist Tatjana Zaslavskaya because of her call for price increases to right the Soviet economy, the Communist Party paper Pravda said on Sunday. It did endorse its chairman, Stepan Shalaev, who called for more透明度 in the process.

Congress

The law specifically allows clergy to seek legislative seats, and the Tass news agency said Metropolitan Alexei, whose Russian Orthodox diocese includes Leningrad and Estonia, has been nominated by workers of an agricultural complex because of his concern with ecological issues.

There are promises of reform, but Soviet churches

## Jill Ireland proves that mastectomy need not end an active, glamorous life

# Battling to take the fear out of breast cancer

When movie star Charles Bronson's actress wife Jill Ireland contracted cancer, she wrote the book *Life Wish* about the illness, the operation and the aftermath. She gave up her career to lecture and give interviews to encourage women to face up to the disease. Now she faces the battle second time around.

By George Katz

GUTSY Jill Ireland is tackling

cancer for the second time. And by a million well-wishers around the world, she is determined to conquer the killer disease.

Says Jill: "Cancer is a great

leveler. It doesn't matter who you are or what you've got when you are sitting on that table in a hospital gown waiting for the verdict."

The verdict in Jill's case was a malignant growth. An immediate mastectomy was performed. After that came the anxious months wondering if all traces of the cancer had been removed or whether it was spreading to other parts of her body. Jill began writing her book two weeks after the operation.

Through the months of chemotherapy that followed, Jill refused to give in to self pity. At one stage she was almost completely bald, with a large burned patch on the top of her head. She didn't mind going around like that, though her husband eventually stopped her because he said he didn't want people to remember her like that.

She took to wearing large hats, and still laughs at the time when one hat blew off in the street, revealing her crewcut head and bringing astonished stares from passers-by.

Though thoroughly English in character, Jill writes and speaks with an American openness about her emotional and physical experiences.

**Doubt**

The most fascinating aspect of her book was how she was able to express, with great frankness, what it felt like for an attractive actress married to a superstar to lose a breast, then all her hair.

"Great birds' nests of hair all over the shower floor," was how

she described it in her book.

There is no doubt her recovery

was greatly helped by the attitude of Charles Bronson, now 66, who

Happily counting her blessings, she set off around the world promoting her book, and on TV her glowing good looks demonstrated better than any words how cancer could be beaten and how mastectomy need not be the end of an active, glamorous life.

Since writing the book Jill, now 52, had another cancer scare, pneumonia and extensive tests for a brain tumour. She was given the all clear and has carried on with what she now sees as her mission in life — giving lectures and interviews to persuade

women to have regular checkups and not be afraid of the disease.

Then recently she strained her shoulder while doing her daily exercise routine. Doctors, examined her and found a tumour pressing on a group of nerves above the collarbone and infecting her lymph nodes. The cancer was back.

Jill immediately made an announcement detailing the doctor's diagnosis and explaining: "Cancer is not something to hide. It has to be brought out into the open and fought.

"It doesn't help to keep it to myself. My doctors say this new cancer is not spreading, so I will have some more radiation treatment then get on with my life."

**Leveler**

This time Jill has in her corner millions of well-wishers who have never met her but have been inspired by her courage and cheerfulness in her worldwide campaign to take the fear out of the disease.

Until four years ago Jill was envied as the woman who had everything — a multi-millionaire

movie star husband, six children (three hers, two his), fabulous homes in Malibu and Beverly Hills and a ranch in Vermont.

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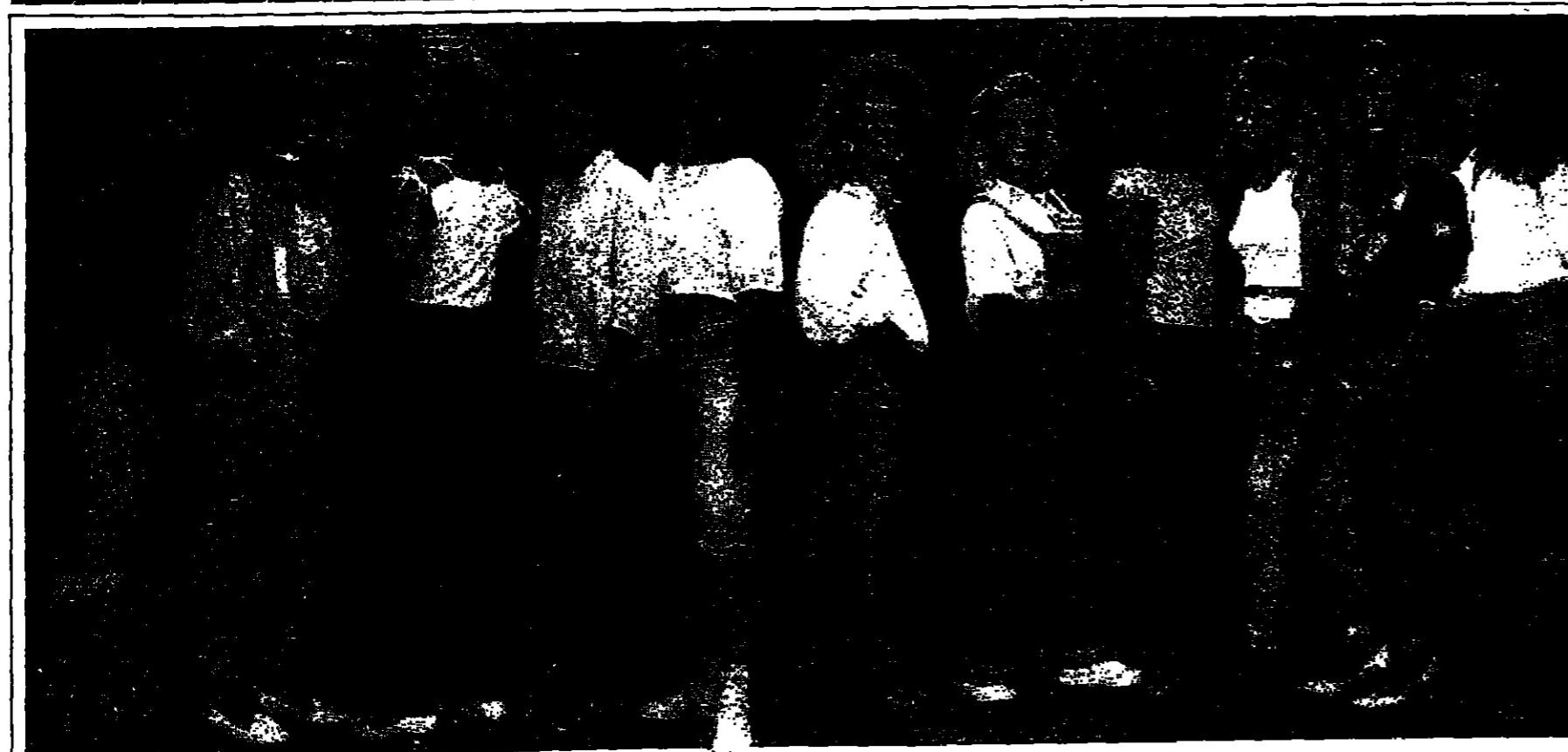
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**Ireland (left) with husband Charles Bronson.**



By Catherine O'Brien

JEANS the social leveller are back in vogue. In the early 1980s when the world was in the depths of a recession, they took a back seat as people decided it was important to look successful and smart.

"Jeans did not give that image. They said your were relaxed and laid back so people stopped buying them."

"Now in the new society, jeans are back at a different statement. The fact that you wear a tatty pair with a hole in the knee says that you are so casual and self-confident, you look like a complete tramp."

Jean Driscoll, of Jeanswear

## Jeans: what they say about you

Communication in America says: "There are as many types of jeans as there are personality types."

Just look to the picture to see where you fit in ...

**Levi 501**  
A loyal companion with a steady and calm personality. Your choice of the classic five-buttons reflects your dependable nature.

You're intellectual, but hide behind lots of denim because you're insecure about your body. You're likely to be sexually inhibited until you meet the man of your dreams.

**Embroidered**  
Artistic and creative, but with a tendency to be too serious. Learn to relax rather than desperately trying to stand apart from the crowd.

**Cowboy style**  
You're an outgoing, adventurous, explorer type. But although you pretend to be tough to the big, bad world outside, you are really nothing but a big old softie inside.

**Laid back and open-minded**  
as the hole at your knee. Not one to rock the boat, you would rather just let things be and enjoy

the simple things in life.

**Designer**  
You use your jeans as an extension of your name-dropping nature. Always anxious to be seen as part of the 'in' crowd, you take great care not to go against the social grain.

**Dungarees**  
You're a Peter Pan figure who wants to stay young and carefree forever. You like to be pampered, but have a wonderful sense of humour.

**Dark denim**  
Denotes the sexiest and most uninhibited jeans wearer of them all. You are also intelligent and

highly innovative, with an unusual sense of style that's very own.

**Skin-tight**

You love flaunting your beautiful body and relish the attention it gets you. A flirt, yes, but promiscuous, no. You know when to call it a day.

**Heavy metal**

Aggressive and sometimes stubborn, you always like to dominate others and get your own way. Studs and a collection of chains are your personal symbol of rebellion.

**Snazzy washed**

You are as meticulous about your life as you are about your appearance. Compulsive and never satisfied, you work very hard to be a success.

## Kiwi fruit: rich in vitamin C

By Carl Jerome

IT was considered delicacy by the court of the great Khans. Named by a southern California woman after a small island country in the Southern Hemisphere, it is now a popular fruit that would be perfect in a gelatin mold, if it didn't contain an enzyme that prevented gelatin from setting.

A brown fuzzy centre surrounds its emerald green center and is ripe when soft enough to spring back just slightly from your fingertips when squeezed.

It's the kiwifruit. One of the first in a long line of fruits once thought to be "exotic," the kiwi was introduced into the United States by West Coast produce dealer, and godmother of that industry Freda Caplan.

Twenty years after its introduction here, kiwis are as common in American markets as tomatoes, and are sold by the individual piece or, more recently, in 1-pound bags.

**Beautiful**

With its fuzzy, funny brown skin, its vibrant emerald flesh, sweet flavour with a slight tartness in its finish, and jet black poppy seed like speckled interior, kiwis are one of the most beautiful of the exotic fruits. More beautiful, I sometimes think, than useful.

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A new role model for America

# First Lady who is glad to be a granny

By Anthea Hall

ONE of the lesser-known facts about Barbara Bush, wife of the President of the United States, is that she was born within a year of Marilyn Monroe.

But, whereas the divine Marilyn was immortalised at 36, hugging herself (as she often did) in a thick-knit cardigan on an ocean shore, Barbara pressed on and is now distinguished-looking woman of 63.

It is, of course, outrageous that the First Lady of the United States should have to field questions about why she doesn't dye her hair, do something about her wrinkles, and generally ape the ageing cutie-pie style of Nancy Reagan.

In fact, the timing of Barbara Bush's arrival at the White House is perfect. In a country with the longest life-expectancy in the world, where worship of youth is equalled only by terror of death, Barbara has arrived just in time to save the nation's ageing womanhood from the curse of Joan Collins.

## Challenge

Collins threw out the alarming challenge that you, too, should be able to make the centre-page spread in *Playboy* as you approach 60, but Barbara has demonstrated that this is unnecessary — at least for getting to the White House.

The Bushes are very definitely in the Social Register and Barbara Bush has no reason to pretend, as she has tactfully in interviews that she would like to be more like spindly Nancy Reagan, with her big head, little sloping shoulders and Hollywood-style face-lifts.

With the possible exception of Jackie Kennedy, the White House has not had genuinely upper-class tenants since the Roosevelts — and nobody ever asked Eleanor Roosevelt why she didn't try to look more glamorous. (When they complained about the dreary White House food and her stingy hospitality, she replied: "People don't come here to eat. They come here to see us.")

But Barbara Bush is not plain, dowdy Eleanor Roosevelt. Photos of the Bushes' society wedding show Barbara as a



Barbara Bush: the face may be lined, but she is fit and glorious

glorious-looking young woman, with vivid black hair and a ravishing smile.

Her hair turned white for the saddest reason in the world: their second child, a girl called Robin, died of leukaemia at the age of three.

And, over the years, because Barbara has lived an outdoor life without protecting her skin from intense sun, she has now the deeply-lined skin you would not find on someone of her age in Europe. Compare her, for example, with Gina Lollobrigida, now approaching 61.

Lined, maybe, but Barbara looks good: fit and glorious, in fact compared with, say, the face of her contemporary, Jeanne Moreau — rotten teeth, unsuitably long curly hair and sagging, bare flesh in an off-the-shoulder dress.

We may enjoy the wit of Woody Allen ("I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it through not dying") in "CHILL OUT (i.e. be cool, laid-back). PARE OUT AND LIVE TO BE 150," but do we really need "SEX

IN OUR TIME" and the accompanying account of Lillian Hellman's "outrageous" flirtatiousness at a dinner just before her death?

From Lear's we learn that blind and accompanied by a nurse, with her voice hoarse from emphysema, she put her hand on the man's wrist as she was about to be taken home and whispered seductively, "Call me in the morning." Lear's is sharp-edged (viz "the woman who wasn't born yesterday"), but doesn't old-age deserve more thoughtful styling?

Civilisation trembles as America prepares to tackle old-age as a national public relations exercise. There is no time to be lost: the post-war baby boom is now entering middle-age — unless, of course, middle-age has been put back another decade — and retired models are returning to work as older women take a renewed interest in clothes.

## Elderly

Marketing the elderly has begun. In the land where the over-100s is the age-group with the fastest growth rate, they now have the "young-elderly," as distinct (you've guessed) from the "old-elderly," with the dividing-line put sometimes at 75, sometimes a decade later, not yet, thank God, based on a "physical" but according to the type of research.

Barbara Bush says her post is full of letters from white-haired ladies, somewhat overweight, ladies cheering her on. She has already sent herself up, with her new "designer clothes" on a television broadcast. Barbara, with all the confidence of a Brahmin, her triumphal acquaintance with grief, her long-term (not merely post-White House) involvement with cancer research, the problems of illiteracy, and her work with paraplegics and cancer patients (she once said: "I clean their fingernails, I read their letters. It's a terrible thing to say, I know, but I am good at that") is a role-model Central Casting could not have bettered.

An America, tired of Sue-Ellen and Krystle, looks forward to the prime of Miss Ellie, grandchildren in the White House, and a First Lady who is glad to be a grannie.

# The glamorous side of glasnost

By Catherine O'Brien

AFTER glasnost comes glamour in the detectable form of Miss Moscow Mariya Kalinina. She's a beauty queen with a mission — to bring the image of Russian women in front of the cold.

Already the world has been delighted by President Gorbachev's glamorous wife Raisa, part of his policy of glasnost, or openness.

Now 17-year-old Mariya — Macha to her friends — is set to dismiss forever the West's idea that all Soviet women are dour, fat and frumpy.

Macha, 5ft 7in and with a 36-23-35 figure, is the bombshell of the Bolsheviks. She became the first queen to be crowned in Russia since the revolution, beating 2,700 hopefuls to the title.

## First

It was the country's first beauty competition, but few people realised what an international stir it would create.

With the full thrust of the Soviet Union's other new policy of reconstruction — perestroika — behind her, Macha is on the road to fame and fortune.

"Everybody says I am a symbol of perestroika and I think it is wonderful," she says.

She is full of praise for Gorbachev and his wife.

"He is a very energetic and wise man. But Raisa is the one who really changed the world's view of Russian women. She shattered the idea they were all fat and grim-faced."

Macha's other favourite heroine is Princess Diana.

"I think she is wonderful. I keep every Press cutting and picture of her," she says pulling out a French magazine which placed Macha and Di among the 40 most popular women of 1983.

"I was so taken aback by this," she says. "It is amazing I am being placed in the same category as her. She is such a beautiful and charming person. I would do anything to meet her."

The only trip Macha has turned down is the Mediterranean cruise that was part of her prize.



From Russia with style: Miss Moscow, Mariya Kalinina

Since becoming Miss Moscow, her life has been a exciting whirl of photo calls, modelling assignments and foreign trips.

A doctor's daughter, she had a relatively privileged upbringing. But without her title, the expensive clothes and cosmetics which maintain her glamorous image would have been out of Macha's reach.

In Paris, designer Madame Carven showered her with lovely gowns.

And she invited Macha back to model at a fashion show this month.

As guest of honour at the Miss France contest, Macha also met singer Sacha Distel. He was so bowled over by her, he suggested they record a song together.

## Struck

But all of Paris was struck by Macha. "People stopped me in the streets," she says. "I was more famous there than in Moscow."

"I wanted to take my mother, they wouldn't let me, so I didn't go."

Boyfriends are currently low on Macha's list of priorities.

"It is my career that is important," she says. She would like to become an actress and when she is older, study law.

Macha attends a modelling school in Moscow where she also learns history and gymnas-

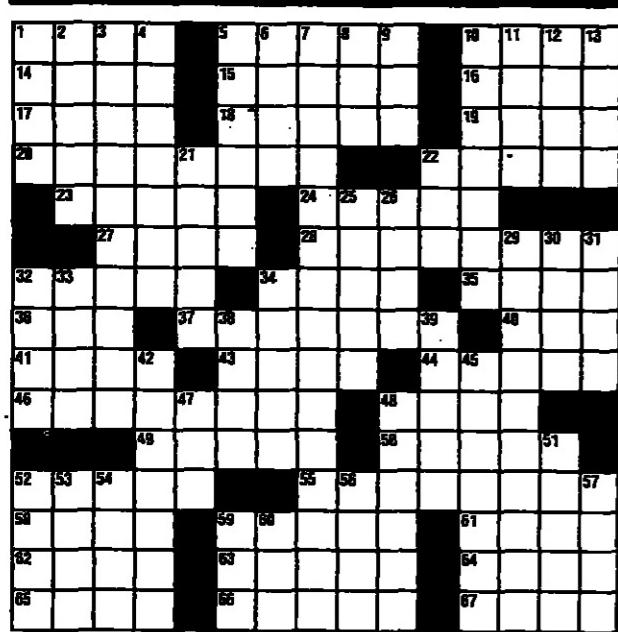
tics. In the evenings, she studies English to prepare her for the future.

Perhaps even for that meeting with the Princess of Wales.



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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## GORÉN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GORÉN AND OMAR SHARIF  
SOME PEOPLE HATE TO BE 'ROBBED'

Both vulnerable. West deals.

## NORTH

♦ 4  
▽ J 10 3 2  
◊ A Q J 9  
♣ K Q 10 8

## WEST

♦ A Q J 9 8 6 2 ♠ K 10 7 5 3  
▽ 7 4  
◊ 6 4  
♣ 7 5 2  
♣ 5 2

## EAST

♠ Voids  
▽ Q 9 8 6 5  
◊ K 10 8 3  
♣ A J 9 7

## SOUTH

♦ Voids  
▽ Q 9 8 6 5  
◊ K 10 8 3  
♣ A J 9 7

## The bidding:

West North East South  
3 ♠ Dbl 5 ♠ 6 □  
Pass Pass Dbl Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

never sure whether or not to sacrifice, lest he is taking a phantom save. But when he knows exactly what to expect from partner, he can judge the situation precisely and pose hopeless problems for opponents.

This hand cropped up in a major pair championship some years ago. East was reasonably sure that his partner would not have any defensive tricks outside of his suit. And he knew that his partner would have at least a seven-card suit. It was thus child's play to work out that, against any contract of the opposition, his side could score only two tricks—the ace-king of hearts. Also, he knew that if his side bought the contract at spades, they could expect to score at least nine tricks—seven spades and two hearts.

He came up with a finely-judged bid—he raised his partner's preempt to five spades! Not surprisingly South, who had a good hand with a void in spades, thought that one of the opponents was trying to pick his pocket. He elected to bid six hearts, a contract that did not prove to be a great success.

Note that had South chosen to double, his side would have collected only 500 against the 650 they could have scored for collecting 11 tricks at a heart game. Thus, East-West were going to get a good result regardless of what course of action South took.

Preemptive opening bids are like finely tempered sabers. Wielded properly, they can sow great havoc among the enemy, slashing lines of communication and laying waste to any attempt at a constructive auction.

To reap the most benefit from this weapon, it is essential that the partnership has strict guidelines about what constitutes an opening preempt. The one key essential is that it denies much defensive strength outside the bid suit. If you do not have such a stricture, the partner of the preemptive bidder is

likely to produce a preempt of his own.

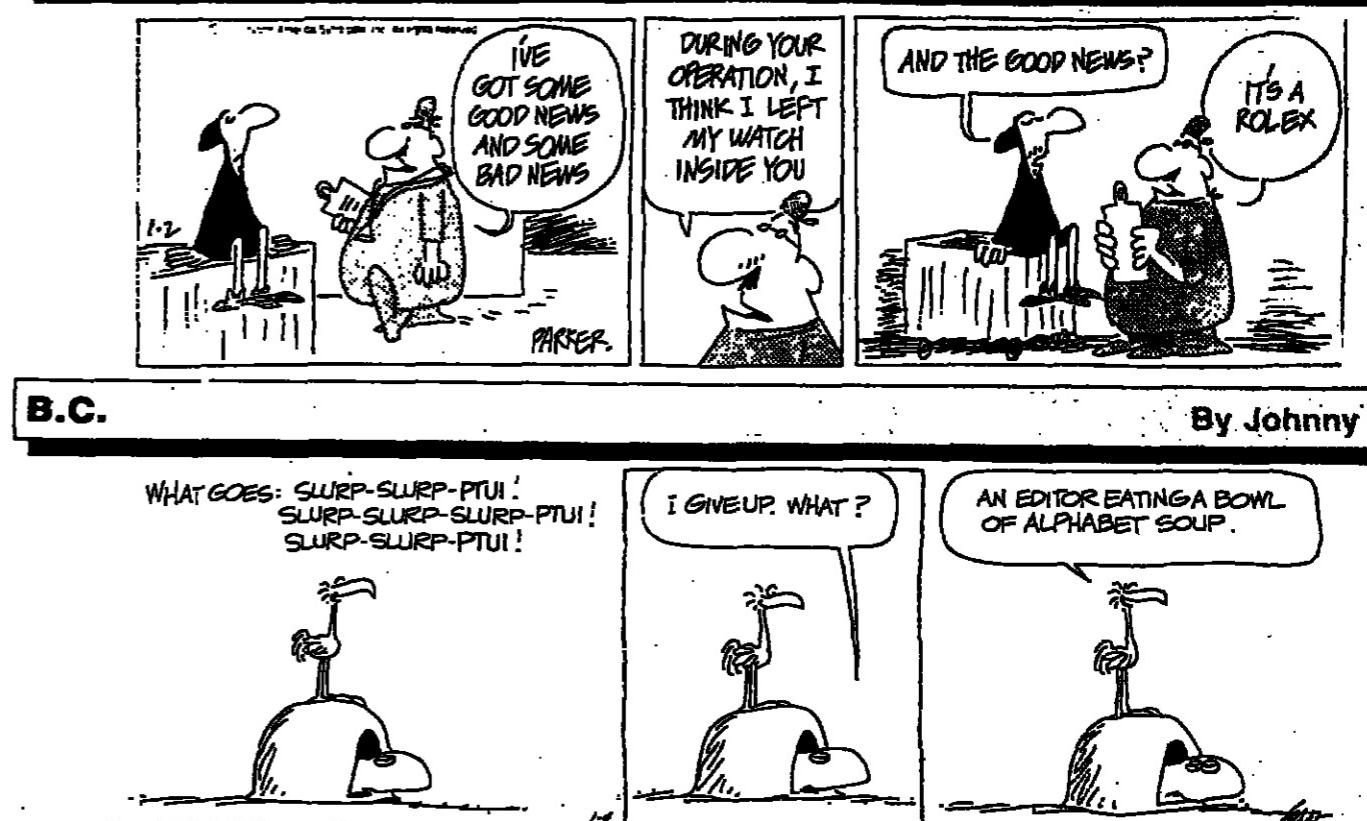
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## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to show your bright side. You should not delay dealing with an unusual problem. Having made up your mind stick to it. Be courteous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have an rather uncertain start but later on you will regain your old self-assurance. Do not linger too long in any one place. You should avoid doing anything to upset the harmony with your partner. Be fair.



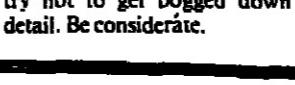
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Mercury's positive influence will help you to produce better results. You should make sure you do not do anything that might injure your health. There is no reason for pessimism but none for excessive optimism either. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be in a better mood and others will be more kindly inclined towards you. You should make sure you do not take any bends too fast. You will be able to do something more constructive. Be conscientious.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not forget about a small routine that will have to be performed sooner or later.

You should try to avoid the company of someone you do not care for. Do not allow your emotions to get out of hand. Be tactful.

Mercury's better influence will help you to avoid a pitfall. Venus' better influence will also help you to stay out of trouble. You should try to take your mind off work and to relax. You will be able to expand your cultural interests too.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will receive an offer or proposal which should be considered very carefully. The situation is a little confused but you will be able to steer your way through it.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

With the Moon's less favourable influence you will be more inclined to act on assumption. You should give equal consideration to the alternatives available to you. Avoid drinking more than you now should. Be hopeful.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will meet someone very much to your liking but do not be too quick about taking him into your confidence. You should make sure you do not do anything to upset your personal relationship.

Avoid doing anything to create confusion. Second best.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Venus' better influence will help you to deal with a family problem. Before you undertake repairs you must make sure you know what you are doing. Dress correctly for the weather and occasion. Be resilient.



## Marcos is dying, says lawyer

**NEW YORK:** Deposed Philippine strongman Ferdinand Marcos is dying and would be unable to face the rigours of a trial on conspiracy and corruption charges, his lawyer Richard Hibey said last week.

"We have been advised by the last doctor who examined President Marcos that he is dying," said Hibey in a letter to Judge John F. Keenan.

Hibey asked the court to hold a hearing on the matter and said that if it agreed with the doctor's assessment, then the prosecution should not proceed with the corruption and other charges against Marcos.

For the first time, prosecutors believed Marcos was too ill to travel to New York for the trial although they said the ousted president's pneumonia was reversible and non-chronic.

Premature Assistant US Attorney Charles Labelle told Federal Judge John F. Keenan it was premature to determine if Marcos was unable to stand trial. No trial date has been set.

Still, Labelle conceded that it would be four to six weeks before Marcos could travel.

He dropped his previous demand that Marcos must come to New York for arraignment and requested that "Mr Marcos

be arraigned as promptly as possible in Hawaii."

In Honolulu, Philippine Consul-General Tomas Gomez was unsympathetic to the Marcos plea.

"What kind of tactic will Marcos come up with now that the prosecution has agreed to his demand to be arraigned in Honolulu?" he asked.

If Dr Hibey wants to score a point, why doesn't he let his patient die first, and then they can decide what to do with the carcass?"

Marcos, 71, has been hospitalized in Honolulu, suffering from pneumonia and bronchial asthma.

The Marcoses are accused of diverting \$103 million from the Philippine Treasury, funneling it to foreign bank accounts and using it to buy prime New York real estate and art works.

Now that the government has agreed informally to an arraignment in Honolulu, the question remains whether Marcos can be arraigned or tried at all.

"You're saying he can never be arraigned anywhere because he's not competent medically to stand trial?" Keenan asked Hibey.

"That's correct," Hibey replied.

"What began as merely a

request to hold Mr Marcos' arraignment in Honolulu rather than New York has evolved into a genuine concern for his life," Hibey wrote the judge in the three-page letter, that included an abbreviated doctor's report.

In the letter, Hibey maintained that Marcos "is in mortal danger" because of his "rapidly deteriorating physical condition."

Marcos and his wife, Imelda, 59, have been living in Honolulu since fleeing Manila in February 1986.

From the time of his indictment in October, Marcos has asked that the arraignment be moved to Hawaii, citing various health problems, including kidney and heart ailments. A government doctor, however, after examining Marcos there, had pronounced him capable of traveling to New York for arraignment.

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Trip to enhance 'co-operative relations'

## Manglapus will visit Saudi Arabia

THE Foreign Secretary of the Philippines, Raul Manglapus, is to visit Saudi Arabia next month.

In a policy speech recently, Manglapus touched on the Philippines' relations with the Middle East and Gulf states where over half a million Filipino workers are employed. Here are some extracts from his speech.

"The Middle East is the spiritual home of Islam and it is to acquaint the leaders and people of that region with these demonstrable truths about the conditions of Islam in the Philippines in intent to visit Saudi Arabia next month.

"In that region the texture of our relations is grained with the labours of half a million Filipino workers who contribute their skills to the development of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states and remit \$800 million annually to their native land.

"Our consulate-general in Jeddah alone collects \$3 million annually in consular fees, the equivalent of the income of all our ten consular offices in the United States.

"The Middle East has become the most lucrative route for the Philippine Air Lines. We intend to propose the opening of diplomatic mission in Oman, Qatar and Bahrain.

"Like the East Asian character for 'crisis' which combines 'opportunity' with 'danger,' the concentrated contact of our people with the Middle Eastern and North African populations, provides countless occasions for amity as well as for misunderstanding."

Reassure

"Our visit will be designed to reassure, on the one hand, the host governments and populations, and the other, our working expatriate nationals, of the profound concern of our government for the enhancement of co-operative relations and the quick resolution of occasional disputes.

"In the Middle East, faithful to our commitment to self-determination for all nations, we uphold the right of Palestinians to their homeland and prosper within internationally-recognized and secure boundaries.

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reducing graft and corruption by closely monitoring all department heads," the President has

been quoted recently in reaction to the raging issue of graft in her government which has caused embarrassment for her and partly blamed for the hampered flow of foreign investments into the country.

## Aquino battles to stop graft

By Jonah Doctura

PRESIDENT Corazon Aquino's veto of major provisions in the General Appropriations bill in Congress might incur the ire of "grafters" in government cloth and may even surpass those close to the powers

that be.

The president is bent on curbing if not totally stopping graft and corruption in the government and her message in a special congressional session on the national outlay will contain "stern warnings" to economic saboteurs masquerading as government men.

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Asian investors ranked the Philippines third most graft-ridden government in the whole of Asia. They are now closely watching government internal policies regarding the blight.

Administration sources said that the President is expected to win the battle with Congress over the 1989 budget because of the moral authority underscored by his message.

Meanwhile, the government was reportedly "shaken to the ground" by the recent issue of Political and Economic Risk consultancy ltd. (P & E) when it gave the Philippines below-average marks.

Government sources said that if foreign investors take the study seriously, it can turn off direct foreign investments to other countries.

The study covered economic and political risks investors face in the country as it warned them of the extent of corruption in the Philippines, an issue largely unattended by the country's economic and political leaders.

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Police and military agents said that the printing press office is in Pasay City. They added that the printing press is financed by prominent politicians and businessmen sympathetic to the communists.

Printed by the office were major communist propaganda materials such as *Ang Bayan*, the official organ of the CPP, *Ang Partidano*, the official newspaper of the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB), the CPP's No. 1 death squad; *Liberation*, official organ of the National Democratic Front (NDF), and the *Talibaw ng Bayan*, the CPP weekly tabloid.

Some propaganda materials distributed by the Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU), and other organisations during rallies and demonstrations were also printed there.

Intelligence reports added that some restaurants are used as fronts of the printing press office.

Filipino singers do well abroad

CEBU CITY (ANFI): A good number of Filipino entertainers are doing well in major Asian cities, notably Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and Bangkok.

They're reaping to all and sundry that Filipinos don't only make good domestic helpers but also fine musicians, singers and dancers.

In Singapore, where only the best groups survive the stiff competition in the entertainment business, at least eight Filipino singing groups are creating waves among fastidious Singaporeans.

At the five-star Mandarin Singapore alone, three music groups from the Philippines entertain guests nightly. D'Starlights from Manila perform at the plush Neptune of the Mandarin.

The group's top quality showmanship drew applause after applause from the various nationalities in the audience.

The Larry Mathias Flash Band, also from Manila, is a mainstay at Mandarin's famous discotheque known as The Kasbah. The band is a nine-piece group—seven men, two women.

Also at the Mandarin nighty is Manila's Mirage Band whose performance venue is Act One where Singapore's own The Snapshot's share audience attention.

At the Tropicana along Singapore's busy Scotts Road, the top attraction is a show band from Zamboanga City. It was at the Tropicana, incidentally where two Cebu-based bands made a name for themselves.

Two years ago, Cebu's Firelights band made waves in this prestigious nightspot and after the Firelights came the Break Even band, also from Cebu. The Firelights are staying put momentarily in their home ground where they are currently rated tops.

## KAPILKU calendar for '89

KAPILKU, the association of Filipinos in Kuwait, have announced their forthcoming projects and activities for 1989.

According to Homer Messina vice-president, media and external affairs the activities are as follows:

Jan 27	Membership Campaign (All year round)
Feb 10	Tree Planting (in co-operation with Philippine embassy) and assistance from KAPILKU
Feb 17	Bayanihan to be held at the Church Hall every last Friday of the month (to meet new friends, plus parlor games, raffle contest and guest singers)
Feb 24	Masquerade Ball
Feb 25	Kuwait National Day — Philippine Cultural Show for KAPILKU Dance Troupe
Feb 28	Cleanliness drive (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
Mar 3	KAPILKU Night at Holiday Inn Hotel (Singing contest)
Mar 17	Hair Science Class — "Suklay at Gunting sa Kaumaran" (Free to all KAPILKU members)
Mar 24	Baking class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
Mar 31	Cooking class (Asian dishes — Free to all KAPILKU members)
Apr 7	Pre-school (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
Apr 14	Tailoring class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
Apr 21	Cooking class (European dishes — Free to all KAPILKU members)
Apr 28	Araw ng mga bata (Children's Day)
May 1	Miss Little Philippines (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
May 12	Paradong KAPILKU "Mga Olympe" Bisig ng mangangagawa '89" to be held at Holiday Inn and Keifari Gymnasium. The following sports will be contested: basketball, bowling, volleyball, swimming, track and field events, badminton, lawn tennis, table tennis, darts, chess and dama.
May 19	Cooking class (Arabic dishes — Free to all KAPILKU members)
May 26	Dress making class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
June 12	Philippines Independence Day (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
June 23	Hatid Sayo '89 (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
July 1-31	Photography contest
Aug 11	Basic computer class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
Sept 22	Philippine Community Day
Sept 29	Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait '89 — (in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
Oct 20	Book-keeping class (Free to all KAPILKU members)
Nov 24	Selection of Ten Most Outstanding Filipinos in Kuwait (Makabayani award — in co-operation with Philippine embassy)
Dec 15	Songfest '89

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Fresh start agreed in textile trade talks

GENEVA, Jan 28. (Reuter): Major trading nations have agreed to make a fresh start to try to unlock stalled negotiations on freezing the flow of trade in textiles and clothing, a spokeswoman for the GATT world trade body said today.

Participants in two days of informal consultations here, including the United States, European Economic Community, India, South Korea and Hong Kong, decided to scrap a draft negotiating text presented at a mid-term review of the current Uruguay round of free trade talks in Montreal last month, the spokeswoman said.

"They agreed to make a fresh approach to the issue, starting from zero," she added.

**Failed**

Trade in textiles was one of four areas where government ministers failed to reach agreement at the Montreal review of progress in two years of Uruguay round bargaining under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The others were farm trade, rules to protect intellectual property rights such as patents and copyrights, and recourse to temporary trade restrictions to protect domestic industries. Negotiations should proceed on 11 other issues, but ruled that the four outstanding problems must first be resolved.

The document on textiles presented in Montreal reflected divergences between industrialised and Third World countries on how to liberalise trade and bring it under GATT rules.

**Consultations**

At present textile trade is governed by a multi-fibre arrangement (MFA) that allows advanced countries to limit shipments of textiles from developing nations whose lower wage rates gives them an advantage in sales.

This week's consultations were conducted privately by GATT director-general Arthur Dunkel who has been instructed to try to resolve the four blocked issues by next April.

## Irish income tax cut for first time in 20 years

DUBLIN, Jan 28. (Reuter): Finance Minister Albert Reynolds cut Irish income tax on Wednesday for the first time in more than 20 years for one of the most heavily taxed nations in Europe.

In a budget that gave the Irish some cause to cheer after two austere years of belt-tightening, Reynolds cut the basic rate from 35 to 32 per cent. The top rate went down from 58 to 56 per cent.

Prime Minister Charles Haughey's minority government has subjected the Irish to two years of massive state spending cuts in a bid to trim the country's mountainous 25 billion punt (\$38 billion) national debt.

**Challenge**

"We have emerged from the last two years leaner but fitter for the challenges ahead," Reynolds told a packed parliament at the end of his 90-minute speech.

The income tax cuts offered good news to the Irish. But mortgage tax relief was trimmed and taxes on drink and cigarettes rose slightly.

After hefty pre-budget campaigning by church leaders and community workers, Reynolds also launched a war on want to help the poor in Ireland.

Social welfare payments for the long-term unemployed went up 12 per cent, he took 24,000 people out of the tax net altogether and handed out 20 million punts (\$30 million) in tax allowances to lower income families.

## New oil project design system planned

BAGHDAD, Jan 28. (OPECNA): The Iraqi Oil Projects Company will introduce a new system this year for drawing up petroleum project designs, it was announced here yesterday.

The system, using computer facilities, is expected to increase accuracy and speed in the drawing up of designs and accelerate the development of oil projects.

The company, an affiliate of the Ministry of Oil, is currently handling the implementation of oil projects worth \$5.40 billion throughout the country.

The projects include gas processing units, oilfield development, transportation programmes and the second phase of an oil pipeline linking the country's northern and southern oilfields.

## Fed boosts value of US investments held by foreigners

# Stock market moves into high gear

NEW YORK, Jan 28. (Reuter): The stock market shifted into high gear this week just when it was expected to cool off from the year's hot start, leading some analysts to proclaim a new bull market replacing the one killed by the October 1987 crash.

From the November low, the Dow Jones industrial average has now risen 300 points, and in a steady rise during January it has advanced more than 150 points.

"We're in the fairly early stages of a new bull market," said Michael Metz of Oppenheimer and Co. "There's still an enormous amount of cash around and a lot of scepticism. When everybody is confident and full invested, then maybe you'll see a significant decline. But not now."

### Activity

It was the activity this week that convinced some sceptics. Instead of falling into a widely-expected correction from the month's gains, a 100-point rally completed the job of retracing the last of the 508 points lost on

Black Monday October 19. "The hallmark of strong markets is that they don't give ground," said Larry Wachtel of Prudential-Bache Securities. "And part of this market's success has been the unwillingness to give ground."

Buoying the market on Friday was the government's report of a less-than-spectacular two per cent annual growth rate in the gross national product for the fourth quarter.

### Responsible

The market's strong response to weak economic figures echoed the 1982-1987 bull market, which was fuelled by a prolonged period of slow but steady growth and low inflation.

The crash came after the perception grew that those pillars of the rally had been toppled, with the dollar tumbling and interest rates rising. Undermining the dollar were seemingly unmanageable US budget deficit and a widening trade deficit.

Perhaps more than anything, the January rally may be a vote of

confidence in President Bush's ability to deal with the double deficits, and Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan's handling of monetary conditions.

Greenspan, in testimony to Congress on Tuesday, said the inflation rate must be lowered, giving a strong lift to stocks. A more cantankerous market would have focused on another part of Greenspan's remarks, which implied that short-term interest rates, already high, were headed higher. But the Dow Jones industrial index soared 38 points that day.

### Positive

"Greenspan has let them know he's going to continue to fight inflation, and that is positive for the stock market," said strategist Roy Blumberg of Thomson McKinnon Securities.

The stock market may be anticipating that the next move by the Fed will be the easing of short-term credit as inflation is flushed out of the economy, said Oppenheimer's Metz. That

would make stocks increasingly attractive.

"US monetary policy is the tightest in the world, there are not enough dollars relative to the mark and the yen," said Peter Canedo, of Bear Stearns and Co.

by enhancing the dollar's value, the Fed is boosting the value of US investments held by foreigners, many of whom have moved into the US market recently.

### Dangerous

William Lefevre of Avest Inc. said that what it adds up to is that stocks remain cheap in relation to earnings and interest rates may decline quicker than anyone thinks.

But a number of technical analysts are sounding a cautionary note, saying that the rally has brought the stock market to a dangerous juncture, based on technical factors. Because the Dow average has regained half of its loss from the all-time peak of 2,722.42 set in August 1987, it is at a crucial point.

Harry Laubacher, technical analyst at Tucker Anthony, R.L.

Day, says that it could be in an even more dangerous spot if it keeps climbing and hits the all-time high. That would create a so-called double-top, which is "historically among the most bearish if not the most bearish of patterns."

Marshall Acuff, portfolio strategist at Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co., said: "As time passes pressure to get in the market will increase."

Bear Stearns argues that if the market can continue on an upward course it will turn bears into bulls and keep moving higher just on its own momentum. "The bears are marking their last stand here at the half way point," he said.

While Acuff, like others, said pressures could grow on the market if it gains more, his firm has revised its asset allocation formula twice in recent weeks, moving the recommended stock portion up to 60 per cent from 50 per cent in two steps.

"Our message is, 'don't fight the tape,'" Acuff said.

## World Business Summary

### Toyota hopes to start producing cars in UK in '92

TOKYO, Jan 28. (UPI): Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's top automobile manufacturer, announced today it will start feasibility studies in Britain for production of passenger cars in Britain. "We have been studying production of our cars in Europe and we have chosen Britain as one of the strongest candidates for its location," Shoichiro Toyoda, president of the Nagoya-based company told a news conference. Toyoda said the company has been looking for a suitable site throughout Europe and "we now

would like to pursue the option." He said the company will go ahead with the project "independently" and has not in mind a joint venture formula. Toyoda said the company hopes to start producing 1,800 cc class cars in 1992 at an annual volume of 200,000 units. He said investment is estimated at £600 million (about \$1.1 billion), he said. Toyoda said the project will offer job opportunities to about 3,600 workers and that the company plans to start production with a local content ratio of about 60 per cent, which will ultimately be raised to 80 per cent. Toyota's decision has been welcomed by the British government. The Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in a statement "I have made it clear to Toyota that they would receive a warm welcome from the government if they were to decide to locate the project in the UK." Toyoda said the company has no plan to use existing facilities. "We will build a new plant of our own," he said. Toyota will be the second Japanese automaker to assemble cars in Britain. Its chief rival Nissan Motor Co. already produces cars in the country. He said demand for cars on the European market has picked up substantially over the last few years and the trend is expected to continue in years to come. "As long as we produce cars attractive to consumers, the demand will remain strong," Toyoda said.

### Soviets buy more grain

WASHINGTON, Jan 28. (AP): The Soviet Union has bought another 25,000 metric tons of US wheat at subsidised prices, the Agriculture Department said yesterday. Christopher E. Goldthwait, acting general sales manager for the Department's Foreign Agricultural Service, said the wheat was part of an authorisation of more than 2 million tons under the export enhancement programme, or EEP. Goldthwait said the wheat is for shipment for March. Counting some left over from a previous EEP arrangement and a newly authorised 2 million tons this week, the Soviets have more than 2.01 million tons still available under the programme. With the latest sale, the Soviet Union has bought about 1.9 million tons of wheat for delivery in the sixth year of a long-term supply agreement, which was extended last fall to run through Dec. 31, 1990. The EEP arrangement allows private exporters to sell wheat and other designated commodities to specified countries at reduced prices in order to meet foreign competition. The exporters then collect free government supplies of grain or other products as bonuses, or subsidies. Sales for delivery in the sixth year of the agreement also included about 10.2 million tons of corn, along with 450,000 tons of soybeans, 1.28 million tons of soybean meal, and 500,000 tons of grain sorghum. Goldthwait said the 25,000 tons of wheat were sold by the Peavay Co., which will get subsidy of \$23 and 70 cents per ton, or about 65 cents per bushel under the EEP arrangement.

### West German inflation leaps

BONN, Jan 28. (Reuters): West Germany's average annual inflation rate more than doubled in January to 2.5 per cent, provisional official figures showed yesterday. Service rises were a major factor giving a twist to prices in the country which has Western Europe's biggest economy but is haunted by memories of hyperinflation between the world wars. The Federal Statistics Office said consumer (indirect) tax increases also helped push up living costs this month to the highest annual level since May 1983.

A 10 pfennig (five cent) per litre tax on motor fuel was meanwhile added on top of general oil price rises. The cost of living in January alone rose one per cent over last month, while the annual rate was 1.6 per cent. The increase still left West Germany well below the United States where inflation is at 4.4 per cent and Britain at 6.8 per cent. But it eroded one of the government's main arguments in its periodic plea for moderation in wage negotiations. Economics Minister Helmut Kohl said on Wednesday he hoped inflation this year could be held between two and 2.5 per cent. "Both the Bundesbank will do all they can to stop inflation in the bud," he said. Inflation fears lay behind a decision last Friday by the Bundesbank (central bank) to raise key interest rates in an effort to dampen consumer spending and attract funds to the Deutsche mark so as to prop it up against the dollar. A weak mark spells higher import bills which give a further twist to inflation. Official data on Monday saw December import prices 3.9 per cent up on the same month in 1987, their highest rise since June 1985. Higher consumer taxes effective in January hit fuel and insurance policies. Medical prescription charges were raised.

### London cocoa talks collapse

LONDON, Jan 28. (AP): Talks between cocoa producers and consumers on a possible market stabilisation plan collapsed today, opening the prospect of an indefinite block of international action to support depressed prices. "Nothing at all was achieved," said West German spokesman Peter Baron, representing the consumers' group. The lack of action was "deeply disappointing and frustrating," he said. The talks at the headquarters of the 41-nation International Cocoa Organisation, which is empowered by treaty to regulate world supplies and prices, opened Jan. 19. The main issue discussed was renewal of international action to stabilise prices through an association-financed stockpiling plan. The association has not been supporting the market for the past year, and the price of cocoa has dropped to a 13-year low because of world over-production. Baron said the main obstacle to introducing the stockpiling plan was lack of money resulting from the failure of producers to fulfill their obligations. The association's 18 producers together owe the organisation a total of \$84.5 million in unpaid dues from an international levy on traded cocoa. More than half this amount is owed by the Ivory Coast, the world's biggest producer.

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Dr Saleh Yasseen, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, Kuwait University.

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**Course Enquiries:** Office of the Vice-Dean, Administration Tel: 4817252

**Course Certificate:** Dr. Gold M. Said Tel: 4854471/4857269

### Soviet budget deficit colossal, but curable, says economist

MOSCOW, Jan 28. (Reuter): A top Kremlin economic adviser, giving a new slant on problems facing Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, indicated on Wednesday the country's budget deficit amounted to 20 per cent of all government spending.

Leonid Abalkin, director of the Moscow Economics Institute, told reporters the actual deficit amounted to 100 billion roubles (\$161 billion) when credits from state-run banks were included.

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For EEC farm politicians,

however, a bumper European harvest would be a blow to strenuous efforts to encourage farmers to stop planting so much grain.

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He made his remarks to foreign journalists after a news conference during which he described the deficit as "colossal" but argued that it could be wiped out within three years by strict financial policies.

He said his institute had presented a recovery plan to Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzkovich including cuts in defence costs — an area where Gorbachev has already moved to reduce spending — and a drop in state sub-

sidiaries to industry and farming.

"The plan needs to be implemented promptly, and be in place by the end of this year," Abalkin said. But he did not know if it would be adopted entirely.

He told the news conference that if the proposed measures were implemented by 1995, the Soviet people could expect the Kremlin chief's "perestroika" to have improved their living standards.

**Shortfall!**

Over the past year, there have been mounting complaints from ordinary people voiced in the Soviet press that life was becoming harder, with shortages of many food products, household and consumer goods.

Gorbachev has himself described the situation in the economy as critical, arguing that the present leadership is struggling with a legacy from predecessors who allowed the deficit to develop without revealing its existence.

At the annual budget session of the Supreme Soviet or parliament last November, Finance Minister Boris Gostev set the "shortfall in financial resources" under the 1989 budget at 36 billion roubles (\$58 billion).

# Market picks up as some firms declare their annual dividends

THE Alshali Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 40.04 points with a decrease of 0.50 point, 1.23 percent from last week's average. The Alshali Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 75.09 points with an increase of 0.23 point, 0.31 per cent, for the same period, according to Alshali Economic Consultants.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 20.08 million shares at a daily average of 4.02 million shares with an increase of 114 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 1.88 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 5.60 million shares at a daily average of 1.12 million shares with no change from last week's daily average of 1.12 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD7.726 million at a daily average of KD1.545 million, an increase of 98 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.782 million. The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.315 million at a daily average of KD0.063 million, a decrease of 11 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.071 million.

The market showed signs of activity as was previously expected due to the fact that some companies have started to declare their annual dividends. This was clearer in the Kuwaiti share market because the non-Kuwaiti market has fewer listed companies and lower dividends.

Taking the four companies that distributed dividends as a sample, "we find that one has given the same amount as last year and the other three have distributed less, however two of them distributed stock dividends. This reflects the companies' need for cash as many have spent a lot at the end of last year in buying their own shares and the increase in the level of stock dividends distribution, which is in our opinion a wrong policy."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector had the lead at 51.5 percent of total trading against 72 percent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 30 per cent followed by the Commercial Bank at 25.5 per cent, and the Gulf Bank at 16 per cent.

The services sector came second at 30 per cent against 11.5 per cent last week.

Mobile Telephone Systems (declared dividends) led at 42 per cent followed by Kuwaiti Commercial Markets at 36 per cent and Kuwait Computer Company (declared dividends) at 19 per cent.

The investment sector came third at 9 per cent of which Kuwait Investment Projects led at 49 per cent followed by National Investments at 47 per cent and Investment Pearl Kuwait at 4 per cent.

For non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 51 per cent followed by Gulf Financial Projects at 20 per cent and Arabian General Investments at 13 per cent.

## Kuwait shareholding companies index

Wednesday Wednesday Change

25/01/89 18/01/89 points

Banking Sector				
The National Bank	110.59	109.57	1.01	
The Gulf Bank	31.07	31.49	-0.41	
The Commercial Bank	23.95	23.95	—	
Al Ahli Bank	33.16	34.12	-0.96	
Kuwait & M. East	34.20	34.20	—	
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	30.95	30.95	—	

Total Index 75.09 74.86 0.23

— All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

## Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

Wednesday Wednesday Change

25/01/89 18/01/89 points

First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	96.55	95.17	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	100.61	100.61	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	89.52	90.48	-0.95
Arabian Gen. Inv. (Shuaa)	53.03	53.03	—
Umm Al Quain Cement	16.87	16.87	—
Gulf Medical Projects	20.83	18.94	1.89
Total Index	75.09	74.86	0.23

— Base Period 31/12/1983.

— All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

## Visit aims to improve oil ties

By Khaled Ahmad

ABDULLA Al Roumi, the assistant managing director for marketing affairs at the Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC) disclosed that Kuwait recently hired three Soviet oil tankers and hoped that such operations will be further improved in the future.

He added that a KPC delegation returned from Moscow recently. The visit aimed at improving oil relations and preparing for the scheduled Soviet oil minister's visit to Kuwait from Feb 12-16.

Kuwait had recently invited Soviet oil companies to take part in local oil tenders and compete with famous international firms.

Kuwait had used the assistance of the Soviet technology in oil operations in the country, particularly in oil exploration and in developing some oil fields. Additionally, a Soviet company won a tender for establishing units to extract salt from crude oil, the official said.

Roumi added that he discussed in Moscow the possibility of employing Kuwaiti investments in the Soviet Union, particularly, in the oil exploration sector.

The KPC delegation signed an agreement in Moscow on oil exchange with the Soviet Union for the first half of this year to include some European and Middle Eastern countries, Roumi said.

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KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET

FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
GULF INTL INS.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
ARAB INT CO.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
BINNAR INS.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
GULF UNION INS.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
R.K. WHITE CHM.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
ALJAHAN CEMENT.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	—	—	—	—	—	—
B-FUJAIRAH CENT.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
C-SHARJAH CEMENT.	0.010	—	—	—	—	—
D-GULF CEMENT.	0.010	—	—	—	—	—

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## SPORTS

W. GERMAN THREATENS TO BREAK THE MOULD

# Graf outplays Sukova for title

MELBOURNE, Jan 28. (Reuter): Steffi Graf is threatening to break the mould of women's tennis after claiming her fifth successive Grand Slam title at the Australian Open today.

Margaret Court, Billie-Jean King and Martina Navratilova all seemed invincible at different periods over the past 20 years.

Graf may this year actually prove to be unbeatable.

In 1988 the West German became the first woman since Court to win all four Grand Slam titles.

Her 6-4 6-4 defeat of Czechoslovakia's Helena Sukova on a sweltering centre court here showed an unprecedented second successive Grand Slam is well within her grasp.

Even when playing below her best Graf proved too powerful, too fast and too resilient for the brave Sukova whose serve-and-volley game was perfectly suited to the medium-fast artificial surface.

Sukova tested the world number one more than any other opponent including Graf's great teenager rival Gabriela Sabatini, tossed aside in the semifinals with the loss of just three games.

Yet Graf could have won the second set 6-1 — she won seven out of eight games to take a 5-1 lead — and she claimed the \$135,000 winners' cheque without dropping a set and with the loss of just 24 games in the cham-



Graf holds the Australian Open trophy and a toy Koala bear. (Reuter wirephoto)

you have to do to beat her."

Graf herself backs away from any talk of a second Grand Slam. "I don't want to hear that question all the time 'Can you win the Grand Slam?' — I heard it last year all the time."

"It's very difficult, it's almost impossible. I've won this one and it's a good start for the year."

She believes her habit of winning everything could work against her. "They're getting to know my game better and better. They know what to do and maybe sometimes they gain from the way I'm playing."

But underneath her confidence in her own ability is rock-solid. "I think my serve has got stronger, it's not too consistent but it's getting where I want it to get. My second serve is getting stronger too and I've got better passing shots with my backhand."

The final was not a classic and might have been closer if Sukova, who has a reputation for faltering in big matches, had kept her powerful first serve under control.

She served six double faults and too often allowed Graf the luxury of attacking her second serve.

Graf, troubled by a knee injury, also had problems with her first serve in the capricious wind and mixed glorious passing shots with a string of uncharacteristic errors on her backhand.

"It's very difficult to say what

Sukova saved five breakpoints in the third game of the first set before Graf broke through to take a 3-2 lead.

Sukova broke back for 3-3 as her 19-year-old opponent expressed annoyance at her error-ridden play.

At 4-4 two doubtful line calls unnerved Sukova and she presented Graf with another breakpoint by tripping over her own feet going for a volley.

Sukova should have won the next point but she hit an easy smash straight to Graf who made the most of the let-off by grabbing the game and a 5-4 lead.

It was the first of six successive winning games for Graf who wrapped up the first set in 34 minutes on her first setpoint before racing to a 4-0 lead in the second.

## Fighting

With Graf serving for the match at 5-2 Sukova, determined to go down fighting, broke back on her fifth breakpoint to bring the 12,000 crowd back to life.

The Czechoslovak saved two matchpoints before winning her next service game. But Graf was not to be denied, claiming the match with an accurate forehand on her third matchpoint.

The champion's father, Peter Graf, said his daughter would have tests on her knee when she arrived home in West Germany but he stressed that the injury was not serious.

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Lendl gets a chance to regain top ranking

## Machine and magician contest Open final

MELBOURNE, Jan 28. (Reuter): Ivan Lendl or Miloslav Mecir, the machine or the magician, will give Czechoslovakia its first Australian Open men's singles champion tomorrow.

In every respect Lendl, a remorseless baseliner who shows little emotion on court, could scarcely be more unlike the artistic Mecir, a natural successor to John McEnroe as the touch specialist of men's tennis.

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## Condition

If he can reproduce his magnificent form against John McEnroe in the quarterfinals, Mecir will be hard pressed to withstand him.

The big question is how much Lendl looks out of himself beating Thomas Muster in the cauldron-like heat of centre court yesterday.

Sweden's Jan Gunnarsson, Mecir's semifinal victim, was in no doubt about Lendl's condition when they passed in the changing-rooms after the Czechoslovak had come off court.

"I don't think I ever saw him so dead. He looked completely gone." The weather forecast predicts lower temperatures tomorrow.

Mecir, the ninth seed, had a smoother run into the final, dropping only one set en route. "I feel much better than I did at the start of the tournament," said the ninth seed.

**IBF crown**



Rocchigiani (right) stalks Malinga during their bout. (Reuter wirephoto)

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About 30 anti-apartheid protesters gathered in front of the West Berlin hall before the fight but there were no disruptions at the ring.

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## Rocchigiani retains IBF crown

BERLIN, Jan 28. (AP): Graciano Rocchigiani of West Germany retained his International Boxing Federation (IBF) super middleweight title with an unusual but unanimous decision over Thulane "Sugar Boy" Malinga of South Africa early yesterday.

The 25-year-old champion never had Malinga in deep trouble but controlled the 12-round bout with his effective left jab and left-right combinations to Malinga's head.

**Weathered**

The challenger tried to wear down Rocchigiani with blows to the body, but the champion, popularly known as "Rocky," weathered everything the South African could throw at him.

Rocchigiani's third successful defense of the title brought his record to 27-0, while Malinga dropped to 25-4.

The challenger began the fight in aggressive style, trying to overcome Rocchigiani's height and reach advantage by staying close and throwing hard punches to the body.

The 29-year-old challenger



Rocchigiani (right) stalks Malinga during their bout. (Reuter wirephoto)

proved to be an elusive target with his quick foot work and ducking style.

But the champion connected with a left-right combination to the head and followed with a hard left to the body that sent Malinga reeling in the second round.

In the fourth round, Malinga

able to play here because of back problems. Yesterday, he had his second straight 69 and was tied for fourth place at six-under-par 138 with compatriot Americans David Ogrin, Ted Schultz and West Germany's Bernhard Langner.

**Frank Bruno gets trans-Atlantic kiss**

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Arizona, Jan 28. (Reuter): Frank Bruno played the incoming nine at Spyglass Hill Golf Club in four-under-par 32 yesterday, putting him into a one-stroke lead over fellow-American Dave Stockton after two rounds of the million-dollar Pebble Beach national golf tournament.

O'Meara, who won this title in 1985 when it was known as the Bing Crosby, finished the round with a 68 and a two-day total of 10-under-par 134. Stockton, the first day leader with a 65, had a 70 today in the sunny but chilly weather for a nine-under-par 135.

## Problems

O'Meara played on the difficult Spyglass Hill course while Stockton was at Cypress Point. American Tom Kite, playing at Spyglass and the winner of the 1983 Bing Crosby, had a 70 to move into third place at seven-under-par 137.

"It all feels good right now," he said of his performance. "Today I just plan to play the smart shots."

Defending champion Steve Jones was at four-under-par 140 after a 69 at Pebble Beach. Sandy Lyle of Britain, after an even-par 72 and Nick Price of South Africa also were at 140.

A week ago Jack Nicklaus was uncertain whether he would be

"This is the first time I've ever broken 70 at Spyglass," Nicklaus said. "In fact, this is the best round I've ever had on that course."

O'Meara had a 66 at Cypress Point on Thursday and yesterday he only had one birdie and one bogey for his first ten holes. He then buried in a row and added another at his 15th hole.

"It all feels good right now," he said of his performance. "Today I just plan to play the smart shots."

Defending champion Steve Jones was at four-under-par 140 after a 69 at Pebble Beach. Sandy Lyle of Britain, after an even-par 72 and Nick Price of South Africa also were at 140.

Daniel fires 68 to stay clear of pack

BOCA RATON, Florida, Jan 28. (Reuter): American Beth Daniel shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday to take the lead after the second round of the \$300,000 LPGA Classic golf tournament at the Stonegate Golf and Country Club.

Daniel has a two-day total of seven-under-par 137 for a two-stroke lead over compatriot Chris Johnson.

First-round leader Dot Germain and compatriot Americans, Martha Nausse, Jody Rosenthal, Susie Redman and defending champion Nancy Lopez are tied for third place.

"I hit the ball very close on the front nine," said Daniel, who posted birdies on three, four, six and nine.

"I don't even want to think about winning the golf tournament yet," she said. "I am already happy to have overcome a golf course that usually gets the best of me."

Johnson added a three-under-par 69 to her first round 70 to stand alone in second place. Johnson had four birdies and one bogey, the result of a three-putt on the 13th hole.

Her only bogey on the front nine was on the second hole with a three putt from 12 feet.

"My putter saved me on the back nine," Daniel said. Her back nine included birdies on 12 and 17 with a bogey on 16. "I lost it a little on the back side but I made a couple of good saves."

"It was a perfect day to play," Johnson said. "I was close to the pin all day. I hit every green and even though I missed a few putts, I'm not yet upset."

## Border and Boon help Aussies take firm grip on the 4th Test

SYDNEY, Jan 28. (Reuter): Australia, inspired by a 170-run fourth wicket partnership between captain Allan Border and David Boon, took a firm grip on the fourth Test against West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday.

The stocky batsman, resuming on 110 after helping Australia to their overnight score of 200 for three, combined powerful stroke-play with patience and cunning in a long innings that included 11 fours.

Pace bowler Malcolm Marshall did his best to limit the damage by taking four wickets for eight runs off 32 deliveries at one stage to finish with five for 29.

## Honours

Boon's brilliant batting display under difficult conditions stole the honours on a day of many highlights.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Witherspoon wins

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Jan 28. (AP): Former heavyweight champion Tim Witherspoon won a disputed split decision over Larry Alexander in a lackluster fight last night marred by repeated holding by both fighters.

The decision was loudly booed by the crowd at Bally's Hotel Casino, which jeered the former two-time champion repeatedly during the 10-round contest.

The fight was Witherspoon's first in 11 months and only his fourth since losing the World Boxing Association's version of the title in a December 1986 first-round knockout at the hands of James "bonecrusher" Smith.

## Murray takes lead

SYDNEY, Jan 28. (Reuters): Australian Iain Murray won two of the day's three races to take a 10-point lead over American Dennis Conner in their 12-metre yacht challenge today.

Murray's victories in the \$340,000 made-for-television duel put him 30-20 ahead after the pair shared the honours on Thursday's difficult opening day. The series, a rematch of the 1987 America's Cup won by Conner, concludes tomorrow with three races worth 20 points each.

## McKinney wins

BRECKENRIDGE, Jan 28. (AP): Tamara McKinney, the top US hope for a medal in the World Alpine Ski Championships, won a North American trophy series slalom yesterday over a field composed largely of her teammates.

McKinney outskied the field by over a second in the afternoon run, completing two heats in one minute, 29.31 seconds. Monique Pelletier, who led McKinney by 0.49 seconds after a morning run of 46.65 seconds, finished second in 1:29.89.

Dianne Roffe, who won the Giant Slalom medal in the 1985 World Championships at Bormio, Italy, before injuries sent her career into a tailspin, was third in 1:31.02.

## Best lap time

MARANELLO, Italy, Jan 28. (Reuters): British racing driver Nigel Mansell further improved his own best lap time to one minute 5.46 seconds at Ferrari's Fiorano circuit yesterday.

Mansell, who began a two-year contract with the team at the start of the month after moving from Williams, bettered the time he set on Thursday by 1.52 seconds, Ferrari officials said.

## Appeal date set

PARIS, Jan 28. (Reuters): An appeal by leading French racehorse trainer Georges Mikhalides against a 12-month ban will be heard on Feb 6.

Mikhalides was suspended and fined 20,000 francs (\$3,500) on Thursday for three incidents involving prohibited substances found in two of his horses.

The horses involved are Arzee who won at Saint-Cloud in October and Ultimate Ruler who finished third at very late the same month and then won at Saint-Cloud in December.

## British soccer results

## English FA Cup

Fourth Round		
Aston Villa	0	Wimbledon
Blackburn	2	Sheffield Wed
Bradford	1	Hull
Brentford	3	Manchester C
Charlton	2	Leicester
Crusaders	1	Reading
Everton	1	Bournemouth
Football League	1	Manchester U
Harold	0	Oxford
Leeds	2	Derby
Nottingham Forest	2	Sutton
Plymouth	1	Leeds
Sheffield U	3	Everton
Stoke	3	Colchester
Swindon	0	Derby
Watford	0	Wigan
West Ham	0	Wolverhampton
Millwall vs Liverpool playing tomorrow.		
Division Three		
Bristol R	2	Bolton
Bury	3	Fulham
Cardiff	1	Port Vale
Chesterfield	1	Nottingham
Cheltenham	1	Walsall
Gillingham	0	Widnes
Mansfield	2	Blackpool
Preston	2	Bristol C.
Southend	1	Aldershot
Division Four		
Burnley	1	Stockport
Cambridge	0	Tranmere
Carlisle	1	Malta
Doncaster	1	Coventry
Exeter	5	Rochdale
Lincoln	1	Peterborough
Scarborough	0	Hereford
Scunthorpe	4	Southport
Torquay	3	York
	2	Doncaster
Scottish Cup		
Allan	3	Albion
Celtic	2	Hamilton
Cluthbank	2	Monroe
Dundee	0	Aberdeen
Dundee U.	1	Dundee U.
Falkirk	1	Motherwell
Forfar	1	Clyde
Hearst	4	Ayr
Hibernian	1	Brechin
Morton	0	Ardrie
Partick	2	St. Mirren
Queens S.	2	Dumfries
Rutherglen	1	Rangers
St. Johnstone	2	Stranraer
Queens Park	0	Stranraer
Division Two		
East Fife	0	Berkwick
E. Stirling	2	Airbrush

## ANSARI BREAKS, QATAMI COMES FOURTH

## Jarallah wins Jordan race

By Gail Seery

KUWAIT'S Mishal Al Jarallah and throttleman Anando Fernando took their Merit Cougar 25 first past the chequered flag in Friday's Jordan Three Countries Powerboat Race.

The nearest boat behind them, Capri Sonne, crewed by Australian professional Geoff Welch and Nils Al Accad, came in nine minutes behind them, and five minutes before the two 39ft catamarans driven by Prince Faisal and Prince Abdullah of Jordan.

Fifth to finish was Saeed Al Sha'ali of Dubai in his Gulfcraft 27-footer. Khalifa Al Qatami and Abdullah Al Badr of Kuwait eventually struggled home in sixth place after a race full of problems.

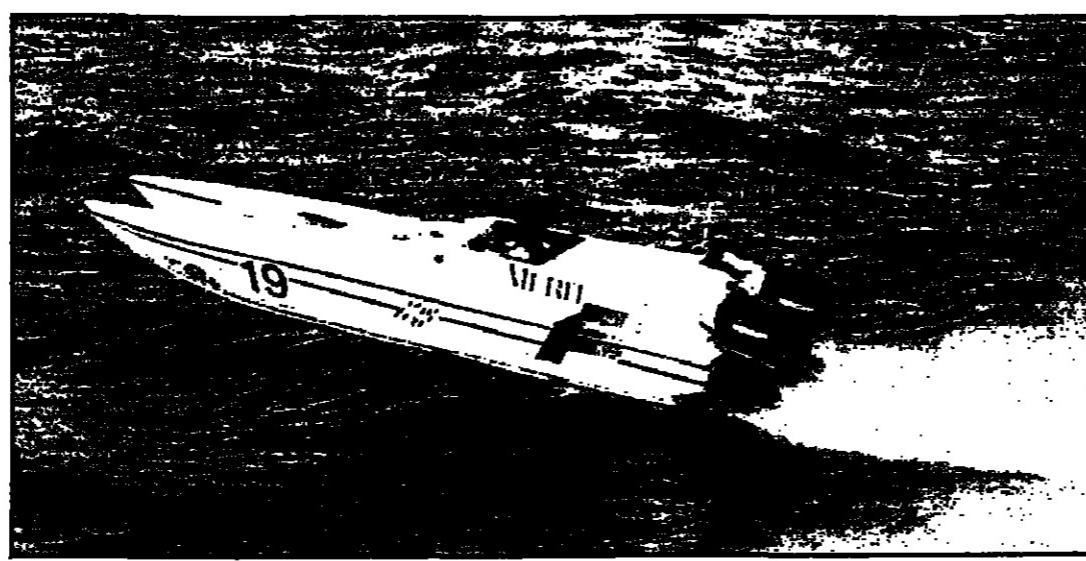
## Missed

However, it was later discovered that the two princes were the only competitors to have passed all the turning points. Everyone else had missed turning point two, which involved rounding Faroum Island, off the coast of Egypt. When the boats reached the point, the buoy was completely obscured from view by a line of spectator boats, according to members of at least three boats.

Jarallah, who had arrived too late in Aqaba to join his fellow racers on a conducted tour of the course, did not round the point on the first, or second circuit. The other three boats which finished, Capri Sonne, Gulf One and Perrier committed the same infringement the first time round, but not on the second.

Four hours of deliberation ensued, in which the race jury considered various options, such as penalizing only Jarallah, disqualifying all but the princes' boats, allowing the result to stand, or finding some alternative solution which would satisfy the majority of those concerned.

In the end a penalty system was decided upon, whereby every boat dropped one place for each infringement committed.



Jarallah on his way to victory.

This brought the result to a tie between Capri Sonne and the Merit Cougar 25. The deliberations could have taken another course, instead of dropping one place, the boats incurred a five-minute penalty, a course advocated by Grant Wilson, a former world champion and a respected figure in the sport. This would still have given the Cougar an outright victory.

As Khalifa Al Qatami of the Perrier boat pointed out, Jarallah and Fernando could have driven five or six times around the buoy each time, and still finished ahead.

The only competitor not satisfied with the ruling was Saeed Al Sha'ali, driving Gulf One.

He too missed the point the first time around, but seemed to think that the huge lead Jarallah had opened out was impossible. His grounds for this seem spurious, as Jarallah rounded all but tp2—and at tp3, Saeed Al Sha'ali was still ahead of him. By the end of the first circuit Jarallah was ten miles or more ahead of him, and this could not have been caused in any way by a failure on the part of both boats to pass tp2.

It was Ahmed Al Ansari who sped away from the mark in first position, round tp1 in front of the hotel with strong competition from the racing catamarans, driven by Mohammed and Saeed Al Sha'ali, Jarallah and Qatami. The three royal boats, which seemed determined at times to function as a convoy were next but substantially behind the outboard boats. Bringing up the rear were the two cruisers, Azraq and Neptune, which had sportingly joined the race without a hope of outright victory.

By the third turn, Saeed Al Sha'ali was ahead, followed by Capri Sonne, Perrier and Khalifa Al Ansari in Give Way, Capri Sonne, Perrier, and Mohammed Al Sha'ali in Rashid.

Then Jarallah's boat, unaccompanied, sped to the turn in front of the royal box. Capri Sonne was well back behind him. Royal boat Hashem withdrew with engine failure a little way beyond this point.

Two boats failed to make it back to that turn at the end of the first circuit. Mohammed Al Sha'ali lost a prop shaft and a propeller and limped back to the jetty on one engine.

"We didn't have more than a quarter of the power in the engine for 99 per cent of the race, and we had to rest a hundred times." He was partnered by former Formula One powerboat world champion Michael Werner.

The race was lifted above the ordinary by the participation of

the royal boats, and by the patronage of King Hussein, who had actually been expected to step into the third boat which was eventually piloted by Grant Wilson. However, during practice the day before the race, Prince Abdullah found himself temporarily under the scrutiny of an Israeli patrol boat, so security must have played a part in the King's decision not to race.

Instead the King and Queen Noor sat with Ahmed Al Jarallah, Editor-in-Chief of Arab Times and Al Seyassah, the father of Mishal Al Jarallah, and watched their children race.

## Permission

The saddest part of the race was the non-participation of Khaled Al Khaled and Hossam Al Sayafe in the Tilda Rice boat. This was loaded onto a Hercules, sent by King Hussein, but the Kuwaitis were refused permission to board the aircraft by authorities here. Time was too short to enable them to take the flight, and for some reason their request for an air taxi was also refused. Their participation was surely missed.

Perhaps the most important factor of Friday's race was the splendid team spirit and camaraderie amongst the drivers, and the way they rallied together round Jarallah to support him during the deliberations.

This is Jarallah's first taste of victory, and Kuwait's first international win in this sport. Kuwait is now reaching a high standard, and similar victories could well become the norm.

## Results

Outboard: 1. Merit Cougar — Mishal Al 'arrah & Anando Fernando; Capri Sonne — Geoff Welch & Nils Al Accad; 3. Gulf One — Saeed Al Sha'ali & Michael Werner; 4. Perrier — Khalifa Al Qatami & Abdullah Al Badr

Cabin Cruiser: 1. Azraq — Abdullah Rifai & Clara Mertens

Inboard: 1. Iman — Prince Faisal, Tim Powell & Ben Robertson; 2. Raiyah — Prince Abdullah, Nicolas Liopoulos & Dag Pike



Jarallah (left) and Fernando (right) with their trophy.



Capri Sonne.



Gulf One.



Perrier.



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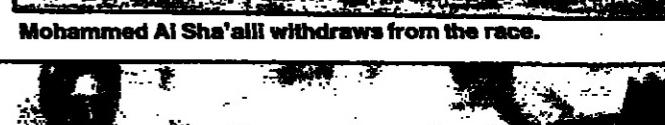
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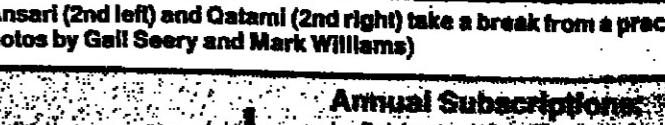
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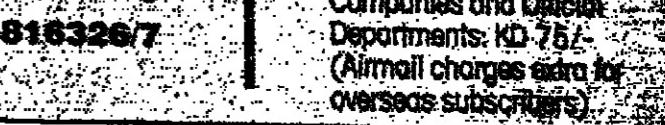
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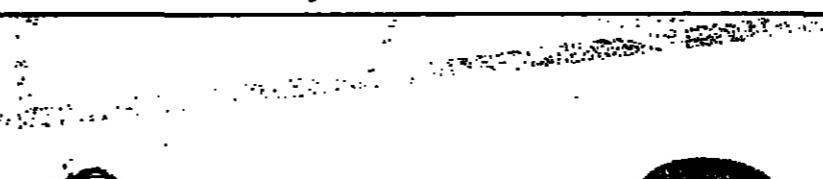
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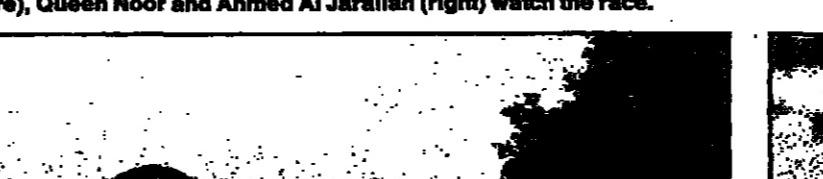
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